



FAQ'S

What does the program emphasize? Play-based nature learning with a strong focus on social-emotional skills.

Do you focus on social justice? We believe children learn stereotypes and prejudices at this age, so we use an anti-bias anti-racist lens for all of our curriculum.

Where are you located? In a renovated barn on a working farm in Brookline, Massachusetts.

What animals are in your barn? One miniature horse, Two goats, One donkey, and chickens

What animals do you see on the farm? Turkeys, turtles, rabbits, salamanders, mice, red-tailed hawks, frogs, geese, snakes, praying mantis, bees, deer, foxes, herons, and two long-horned highland steers.

How much time do you spend outdoors? Unless the weather is particularly poor, we are outside all day except for 45 minutes.

What early education best practices do you follow? We are a blended program of Reggio Emilia, Montessori, and socio-dramatic play, which is incorporated into our extensive use of the outdoors.

What are your hours?

Early drop off 10 spots: 7:30 am - 8:15 am

Morning Program (5 days): 8:15 am - 12:00 pm

Sandwich Club Program (optional) 12:00 pm - 4:00 pm (M/T/Th/F) **No Wednesdays**

Do you offer scholarships? Yes - 20% receive some tuition assistance

Are parents involved? Yes, encouraged but not required. Parents spend time with their child's class. Parent's traditions and celebrations are encouraged to be shared. All parents volunteer on our Scholarship Fair Day in May.

Where do Apple Orchard students live? Boston, Brighton, Brookline, Cambridge, Chestnut Hill, Dedham, Dorchester, Dover, Hingham, Jamaica Plain, Milton, Natick, Needham, Newton, Roslindale, Sherborn, Waban, Wellesley, West Newton, Weston, West Roxbury