Mission
Apple Lane Community Child Care Center's purpose is to provide quality, affordable and reliable child care and education to the families in the City of Austin and its surrounding area.

Apple Lane was established in 1986 and provides a clean and functional facility with modern features. This teaches and reinforces the benefits of an active lifestyle while preparing children to learn.

Children who attend Apple Lane are introduced to and benefit from enhanced experiential learning which helps in the development of the whole child.

For more information please call Executive Director Shannon Hart, at 433-0070.

Apple Lane is licensed by the State of Minnesota Department of Human Services and is a Non-Denominational, Non-profit Child Care Center.

Hours of Operation
Monday - Friday
5:45 AM - 6:00 PM
Serves children 6 weeks to 12 years of age.

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"Hand in Hand,Heart to Heart,
Apple Lane's the Place to Start."
Early Care and Education

Programs

Infant Program Plan

The infant program provides child care services to 10 infants ages six weeks to 16 months, with a staff ratio of 1:4. The teachers implement the Program for Infant and Toddler Care for their daily curriculum and activities.

Toddlers

The toddler program provides child care and education to children ages 16 months to 33 months, with a staff ratio of 1:7. The three toddler classrooms implement daily activities that focus on creative growth and development and follow the learning objectives in the Creative Curriculum for Toddlers.

Preschool

The preschool program serves children ages 33 months to kindergarten, with a staff ratio of 1:10. The Creative Curriculum for Preschool and the Open the World of Learning are the two researched based curriculums the teachers use to plan daily activities.

School Age

The school age program engages children kindergarten to age 12, with a staff ratio of 1:15. Before and after school, non-school day and summer educational programming is offered throughout the year. Teachers are working with the children in homework and through curriculum enrichment activities for continued learning opportunities. Curriculums include: Food, Fun and Nutrition, Partners in Ecology, Our Great Democracy, Safety and Life Skills.

Montessori Style Preschool Program

Apple Lane has a Montessori Style preschool program on-site. This educational opportunity teaches children ages 3 to age 6. We offer a two day program for 3 year old children and a three/four day program both morning and afternoon for 4-6 year old children.

The Montessori program is a 2 ½ hour session that has built in Montessori style activities. Children experience both independent and social skills by engaging through play and work centers. Providing an environment where children are allowed to choose their work and concentrate for as long as needed on that task will give each child the opportunity to build skills at the pace that they need to be successful.

Apple Lane provides high quality curriculum implemented by highly educated staff who value the individual growth and development of each child. This ensures children are ready to excel in their educational journey.

Our curriculum is based on each individual child's development in the areas of:

- Creative Growth
- Education
- Social/Emotional
- Physical

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