



Maple Leaf Children's Center

From the SPROUTS...Veronica White, Lead Teacher

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I am excited to begin another year at Maple Leaf, and delighted to begin getting to know each of you and your children. We are all happily getting settled into our new room and schedule, and we are "THE SPROUTS" ~ Allegra, Ben, Melinda Rose, & Hannah! Our typical day begins with free play in our beautiful toddler room, followed by a delicious and healthy snack around 9:00. We then go back to playing for a short while (this is the best way we learn new ideas and words) and eventually begin to venture outdoors for about an hour. We are discovering the delicious apples from our apple tree, our toddler playground area, and sandboxes. Most of the children have already found the bikes, diggers, and also have been using the red house for dramatic play such as kitchen and ice cream shop. The bouncy horses are always a fun activity as well. Around 11:00 we come back inside to begin getting ready for lunch. After eating, we pack up our lunch boxes, use the potty, and guess what...a little more free play! Around 1:00 we listen to some quiet time music & look at books, we then settle down on our nap mats for a little snooze or rest. Upon waking we visit with the 3's & 4's (The Saplings), enjoy a couple of stories, and proceed with welcoming the after-school children (The Timbers) around 3:30pm. I hope that you will feel comfortable enough to ask me any questions or concerns that you may have. This is my first year as Lead Toddler Teacher, and 3rd year here at Maple Leaf. I look forward to a wonderful year of growing, learning, and developing!

From the SAPLINGS...Kym Rhayne, Program Director/Lead Teacher

Greetings from the Saplings' room! We are in the process of getting to know each other, discovering all the great things in our classroom both indoors and outdoors. We usually have free choice in the morning then meet for a circle time about 9:00. After that we enjoy a healthy snack and have the option to go outside on nice days or choose centers for learning. We have available a block area, dramatic play, writing and math, literacy, and a art space. Outdoors, we are working on a large music space, and a creative arts area, and as always, there is plenty of large motor for outdoor play. We have lunch about noon and settle down for a little quiet time afterwards with books either on the couch, or on the big pillows by the window. After rest time we offer the choice of centers or outdoor play. For those who stay through the afternoon, we offer a snack time about 3:40. We look forward to getting to know each other better in the coming weeks!!!

From the TIMBERS...Anne Perry, Lead School Age Teacher

Welcome Timbers to our school age program. During the month of September, we are just getting to know each other and perfecting our afternoon routines. Every day I will pick up the school age children from Thetford Elementary and Open Fields. Some days we will hang out on the elementary playground or go to the library before we head back to Maple Leaf for afternoon snacks and activities. We will be doing some cooking projects and trying out some new games. This will be a fun year together and I am looking forward to getting to know everyone a little better these next few weeks.
