Dear Parents:
Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our toddler and preschool storytimes. Please continue helping your child develop a love for books and reading by sharing these rhymes, books, and other activities with your child.

An Apple a Day

Books To Share

Ten Red Apples
By Pat Hutchins

The Apple Pie Tree
by Zoe Hall

Apple Harvest
by Calvin Harris

Apples Here!
by Will Hubbell

How to Make an Apple Pie and See the World
by Marjorie Priceman

Ten Apples Up on Top
by Theo. LeSieg

The Apple Pie That Papa Baked
by Lauren Thompson

Apple Farmer Annie
by Monica Wellington

Tucker’s Apple-Dandy Day
by Susan Winget

Fun With Fingerplays and Songs

Five Red Apples
Five red apples hanging in a tree,
(hold up five fingers)
The juiciest apples you ever did see.
The wind came by and gave an angry frown,
(fingers flutter downward)
And one little apple came tumbling down.
(one finger falls)
Four red apples, hanging in a tree, etc

Here We Go ‘Round the Apple Tree
Here we go ‘round the apple tree, the apple tree, the apple tree
Here we go ‘round the apple tree
On a frosty morning.
   -this is the way we climb the ladder
   -pick the apples
   -wash the apples
   -peel the apples
   -cook the apples

I’m a Little Apple Tree
I’m a little apple tree, apple tree, apple tree.
I’m a little apple tree, and I'm as tall as I can be.
I cannot sneeze,
I cannot cough,
For all my apples will fall off.
Ahhhhh choooooo!
The Apple Star
Take an apple round and red.
Don't slice down, slice through instead.
Right inside it you will see
A star as pretty as can be!

Take an apple round and red.
Don't slice down, slice through instead.
Look inside it and you'll see,
A special star for you and me!

Apples
Apples, apples,
One, two, three.
Apples for you,
Apples for me.
Apples big,
Apples small,
Apple trees tiny,
Apple trees tall.
Apples sour,
Apples sweet,
Apples, apples,
are nice to eat.

Apple Song
(Tune: “Itsy Bitsy Spider”)
Once a little apple seed was planted in the ground.
Down came the soft rain, falling all around.
Out came the big sun as bright as bright could be
And that little apple seed grew up to be an apple tree!!

Apple Tree
This is the tree
with leaves so green.
(make leaves with fingers outstretched)
Here are the apples that hang in between.
(make fist)
When the wind blows,
(blow)
the apples will fall.
(falling motion with hand)
Here is the basket to gather them all.
(use arms to form basket)

Other Fun Things

Apple Stamps
Apple stamps are great. If you cut an apple in half horizontally instead of vertically, it makes a nice stamp with a star shape in the center. Use different sizes of apples and stamp on paper, fabric or picture frames.

Apple seed counting
After cutting up an apple, see how many seeds are inside. Compare the number of seeds in different apples.

Fingerprint Apple Tree
1. Stamp the side of your hand in brown paint and stamp it on the paper as the trunk.
2. Stamp your index finger in green paint and stamp it many times on the paper for the leaves (re-dipping in the paint as necessary).
3. Stamp your pinkie finger in red paint and stamp it lightly on the paper for the apples.

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Learning to read begins before your child starts school. Help your children develop early literacy skills now; this makes it easier for children to learn to read once they begin school. Five of the best ways to help your child get ready to read are:

- Talking
- Singing
- Reading
- Writing
- Playing

If you would like more information, please ask the staff in the children’s area.

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