

INTRODUCTION



Appletree School is a certified and accredited pre-K through first grade private school. It was founded in 1989 by Pamela Mullin. It began at 332 Broadway in South Portland. In fact, the apple trees and first swing set are still there in the backyard where it all began. Since that time, the school has grown in scope and concept. From the beginning, Pam has approached her childcare work as both a loving mother and a dedicated teacher. Appletree School is the fulfillment of Pam's lifelong aspiration to teach with others, creating a special environment and experience for children.

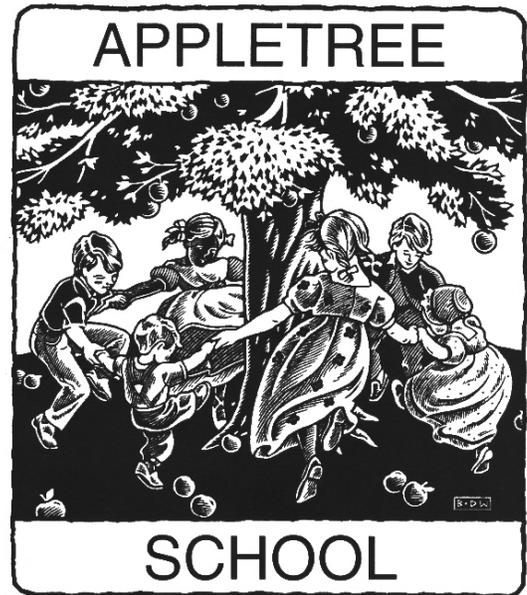
OUR MISSION & PHILOSOPHY

We commit ourselves as teachers to the growth and development of the whole child. We strive to nurture all the gifts and talents a child is born with. One of these capacities is the ability to share with others — to feel compassion and concern. Our calling is to take good care, to protect, and to nurture through positive example. Our motivation is the pleasure that comes from being able to share at the heart level as a part of one's job.

Our aim is to provide a consistent environment for children that is always physically safe and emotionally secure. We emphasize that everyone is special. Our work is to nurture each individual's uniqueness.

It is a privilege to enter the world of childhood for a second look. Childhood is a time of wonder. Children are born artists. We are all wondrously creative and wide open to experience as children.

We learn rapidly with a natural curiosity. As educators, we strive to find ways to support natural learning and behavior, and we endeavor to provide a variety of opportunities in which this may happen. Due to Appletree School's physical space, we're involved with nature daily, and we are committed to finding ways to be involved in our community, such as being active members of the Cape Farm Alliance (CFA).



"Encourage youth and it will prosper"

We encourage every child to be an achiever, to function fully at her or his own pace. Our full attention is given to helping children develop a positive attitude, get along with others socially, build self-esteem, and take pleasure in their learning. While our program focuses on learning and discovery, we also make time for serendipity, humor and best of all a lot of fun!

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