

# The Applebee Preschool

Summer Camp 2026



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Welcome to Summer Camp 2026.

Our summer camp program will begin on Monday, June 1<sup>ST</sup>. Our overall summer camp theme this year is, "Make Your Own Magic." Within each of our eight weekly themes, we will incorporate projects & activities that include art, science, math, literacy, gross and fine motor control skills, as well as endless opportunities for social and emotional growth. All of this while creating our own magic!

Our process-oriented art projects along with our loose parts philosophy provide preschoolers with so many choices. Our mixed age groups allow preschoolers the opportunity to be leaders, followers, turn takers, friendship makers and more. As your child walks in the door, they can check themselves in using our photo/name magnets so that they feel a sense of belonging. They will then check themselves out at the end of the day as well.

It is our goal, at Applebee, to help each child feel safe and secure in a loving environment that promotes individual learning and a comfort level hard to be matched anywhere else. We believe that each child learns and grows at their own pace.

We are looking forward to another fun summer where kids make their own magic!





## Eric Carle Stories & Art

Eric Carle is a well-known children's author and illustrator. We will kick off summer camp getting to know more about him, including the many ways he uses a variety of mediums to create his illustrations! We will read his books such as, "The Very Hungry Caterpillar," and "The Tiny Seed." We will act out his stories, and talk about sequencing and repetition while exploring the characters in each story. We will even write and illustrate our own books.

## Potion Commotion

This week we will measure, stir, bind, and combine things that make playdough, slime, ooblek and more. We will create our own mud kitchen outside and mix magic potions while making a commotion! We will learn words like fizz, balance, hypothesis, predict, and observe. We are sure to come home messy that's for sure!



## Dinosaurs Roar

Get ready to stomp, roar, and explore! We will dig for fossils, count dinosaur eggs, dance like dinosaurs, and learn all about the different types of dinosaurs. We will turn Applebee into our very own Jurassic Park!

## Super Heroes Assemble & More

What's your super power? Everyone has one...let's find out! We will make capes, masks, shields and more. We will pretend to be various superheroes while learning about different attributes, strengths and persona's we all have within us. Our imaginations will run wild!







## Edible Science

From making ice cream in a bag to making rock candy crystals...we will explore how science factors into the food we eat. We will talk about food groups, make our own snacks, create our own recipes and explore what foods need to be cooked, and what we can eat raw. We will focus on healthy eating habits and talk about how healthy foods are good for our bodies.

## Exploring Art Thru Our Senses

Our five senses will come alive as we explore ways we can use them to learn about art. We believe art is anything we create using our own ideas. It's one way we can share our ideas with others. We will use paint we can see, but also feel and smell. We will create block sculptures, mosaics, acrylics, watercolors and more! We will listen to different types of music to see how it helps us express our creativity. Art is expression and experience, and these are two things are vital to the preschool years!



## Down by The Bay

California has a vast amount of Bay's to be explored. We will start in the Bay Area and explore the estuaries in SF, head over to Half Moon Bay, stop in the Monterey Bay and head down the coast until we reach San Diego. We will talk about the wild life that live in the bay, how the mountains reach the ocean and more. We will go whale watching, build sand castles, discover how the eco system works and play beach volleyball too.

## Architecture Around the World

This week we will explore several architectural giants from around the world. We will travel to Egypt to explore pyramids, Italy to learn more about the Colosseum, and China to "walk" across the great wall. The possibilities are endless. We will create our own architectural giants together as we talk about how these amazing wonders were built.

