Dear Family,

In my class today we learned about apples.

Did You Know?

- Apples are fruits that are grown all over the world. There are more than 7,500 kinds of apples. Apples come in a variety of colors such as red, green, and yellow. Apples are grown in all 50 of the United States. There are approximately 2,500 types of apples grown in the U.S. The major apple-producing states are Washington, New York, Michigan, Pennsylvania, California, and Virginia.

- Apples grow on small deciduous trees all over the United States. Apple trees come from the tiny seeds inside an apple. In the spring, apple trees blossom with white or pink flowers. Apples develop from these flowers. Apples are ready to be picked in the fall when they are fully ripe. Different types of apples are grown for different tastes and uses such as cooking, eating fresh, and making cider.

Ask Your Child:

- Can you tell me some things that we eat that are made out of apples or have apples in them?

- Are all apples red?

- What parts of the apple can we eat? Are there parts that we cannot eat?

- What is inside of an apple?

Activities To Do With Your Child:

- Do you have any apples at home or do you have something made with apples? Spend some time in the kitchen with your child looking in your refrigerator and your cupboards. Do you have applesauce or apple butter? Maybe you have apple and cinnamon oatmeal or cereal. Look at some of the packages and read the labels together. Show your child where apples are listed as an ingredient. Can your child draw a picture of one of the foods that you found? Have your child bring the picture to school to share with the class.

- If you are going to the store, stop in the produce aisle and check out the apple selection. Read the names of the different varieties of apples to your child. Together, count how many different types of apples there are. Send a note to school and tell us how many different types of apples you found in your store!

Vocabulary Words To Use With Your Child: apple, seed, fruit, deciduous, leaf, trunk