



# Apple Orchard School

## AO FAST FACTS

When was AO Founded? 1971

Founder: Lee Albright

Director: Martina Albright

Student Population: 95 students ranging from 2.9 years to 6 years

Teacher to Student Ratio? 1:6 or 1:7 (21) Staff Total

What does the program emphasize? Play-based nature learning

Where are you located? On a working Farm in Brookline, MA

Resident animals? 1 miniature horse, 2 goats, 1 donkey, chickens and ducks

**Truth:** We explore forests, pond life, and insect's habitats regularly

How much time do you spend outdoors? 90 minutes daily at a minimum and one full day per week, weather permitting.

**Truth:** We are outside daily in almost all types of weather

What early education best practices do you use? We are a blended program of Reggio Emilia, Montessori and Socio-Dramatic Play

What are your hours?

10 slots for Early Drop Off	7:30-8:15
Morning Program (5 days)	8:15-12:00
Sandwich Club Program (flexible)	12:00-4:00

Scholarships: Apple Orchard provides scholarship support for approximately 18% of our students

Communities served (20): Boston, Dedham, Needham, Wellesley, Newton, Framingham, Weston, Dover, Westwood, West Roxbury, Roslindale, Jamaica Plain, Brookline, Chestnut Hill, Natick, Bedford, Watertown, Cambridge, Quincy, and Milton

Farm / Forest Animals

Turkeys, turtles, rabbits, salamanders, mice, hawks, frogs, geese, snakes, praying mantis, deer, fox, herons, steer, sheep (farm)