



GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

SPRING PROGRAM SESSION:

April 13 – May 31, 2026

No classes Sunday, May 24 and Monday, May 25, 2026

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APPLE CREEK YMCA PARENT AND CHILD CLASSES

Parent and Child classes require a parent, guardian, or grandparent to accompany each child in class.

WONDERBUG DISCOVERIES (AGES 18 MONTHS-3 YEARS WITH PARENT) (ACY)

This parent-child nature discovery program is highly sensory-based involving themed storybooks, songs, hands-on time, and outdoor time with exploratory walks through the Purdy Nature Preserve. Each week will focus on a different theme or topic in nature. A portion of each class will be held outdoors, weather permitting, so dress accordingly!

SIDE-BY-SIDE EXPLORERS (AGES 2½-4 YEARS WITH PARENT) (ACY)

This playful parent-child class is filled with hands-on exploration, movement, and imagination! Each week features a new theme like dinosaurs, ocean fun, art, and more - designed to spark curiosity and support early learning. Families enjoy time together through sensory play, simple crafts, circle time, and active adventures perfect for young explorers.

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Side-by-Side Explorers	ACY	2½-4 years	T	4:45 PM	6:15 PM	\$60	\$83
Wonderbug Discoveries	ACY	18 months-3 years with parent	W	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$49	\$75

APPLE CREEK YMCA CHILDREN'S CLASSES (AGES 2½-10)

ABC's and 123's (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (ACY) NEW LUNCH CLASS

A playful introduction to letters and numbers. Children will build early literacy and math skills as they sing songs, play games, enjoy stories, and create engaging art. To help us accommodate participants with allergies, please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free lunch.

BLOOMING CREATIONS (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (ACY)

Fun with a spring fling. Play games, sing songs, enjoy books, and create art while learning about spring. To help us accommodate participants with allergies, please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free lunch.

FRIDAY FUN (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (ACY)

Come have fun on Fridays. Learn finger plays, meet new friends, dance, and frolic to new songs, and explore new places in new books. To help us accommodate participants with allergies, please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free lunch.

LAUGHTER, LEARNING, LUNCH (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (ACY)

Exploring, laughing, and learning; what a great combination! Your child will have a blast playing with other children, singing, creating, exploring, and learning. To help us accommodate participants with allergies please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut free lunch.

SPRING INTO ACTION (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (ACY)

Children will jump into spring through upbeat songs, playful stories, imaginative art projects, joyful dancing, and plenty of interactive play. It's the perfect way to celebrate the season while building confidence, curiosity, and friendships. To help us accommodate participants with allergies please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free lunch.

OUTRAGEOUS OUTDOORS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY)

This exciting class gives your child a chance to learn all about the beauty and wonder of the natural world through hands-on activities, games, stories, and crafts related to the nature theme of the week, as well as time outdoors exploring nature. Have your child dressed for the weather as much of each class will be held outdoors, weather permitting.

YOUNG EXPLORERS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (ACY)

Explore the outdoors and watch the changes throughout the seasons while we learn more about the plants and animals found around our YMCA and on the Purdy Preserve. Short hikes and playtime outside will be supplemented with craft and story time indoors. Have your child dressed for the weather as we will be outdoors every week, weather permitting!

AFTER-SCHOOL NATURALISTS (AGES 5-10 YEARS) (ACY)

Come join the Naturalists at Apple Creek and explore the Bruce B. Purdy Preserve! Kids will play games, hike the preserve, do activities in the Nature Study Classroom, and just have fun!

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
ABC's and 123's – Bring Lunch	ACY	2½-4 years	M	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$66	\$89
Spring Into Action	ACY	2½-4 years	T	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$77	\$104
Outrageous Outdoors	ACY	3-5 years	T	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$60	\$83
Blooming Creations – Bring Lunch	ACY	2½-4 years	W	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$77	\$104
Outrageous Outdoors	ACY	3-5 years	W	1:00 PM	2:30 PM	\$60	\$83
After-School Naturalists	ACY	5-10 years	W	4:30 PM	5:30 PM	\$49	\$75

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Laughter, Learning, Lunch- Bring Lunch	ACY	2½-4 years	TH	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$77	\$104
Young Explorers	ACY	3-5 years	TH	9:30 AM	11:00 AM	\$60	\$83
Friday Fun- Bring Lunch	ACY	2½-4 years	F	9:00 AM	12:00 PM	\$77	\$104

APPLE CREEK YMCA WORKSHOPS (AGES 5-10 YEARS)

GARDEN GNOMES GALORE (AGES 5-10 YEARS) (ACY)

Let imaginations bloom as children design and build their very own garden gnome village! Using air-dry clay, popsicle sticks, moss, pebbles, and other fun materials, young artists will craft gnome homes, tiny furniture, whimsical pathways, and even gnome characters themselves. Kids will explore hands-on creativity, practice fine-motor skills, and take home a magical miniature world they built from scratch.

PAINT & PLANT (AGES 5-10 YEARS) (ACY)

Children will design and decorate their very own plant pot using paints, stickers, and a variety of creative craft materials. After personalizing their pot, kids will learn the basics of gardening, including how soil, water, and sunlight help plants grow. Each child will plant a seed or small starter plant to take home, complete with care tips so they can continue nurturing their new leafy friend.

LIVE ANIMAL CARE (AGES 6-12 YEARS) (ACY)

Drop your child off on the second Saturday of each month in the Nature Study Classroom to learn how we care for our classroom animals, including snakes, lizards, turtles, frogs, and fish. Help feed the animals, clean their tanks, and make sure they are living healthy lives. We will occasionally bring our lessons outdoors, so please dress accordingly.

NATURE EXPLORER'S CLUB (AGES 6-12 YEARS) (ACY)

Go off-trail with one of the Apple Creek Naturalists! Each month, kids will explore a new part of the preserve, learning about the animals and plants that live there and how to identify them. Come see parts of the preserve most people don't see!

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Live Animal Care- Apr 11	ACY	6-12 years	SAT	10:00 AM	NOON	\$10	\$15
Garden Gnomes Galore – April 18	ACY	5-10 years	SAT	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$20	\$25
Nature Explorer's Club – Apr 18	ACY	6-12 years	SAT	10:00 AM	NOON	\$10	\$15
Nature Explorer's Club – May 2	ACY	6-12 years	SAT	10:00 AM	NOON	\$10	\$15
Live Animal Care – May 9	ACY	6-12 years	SAT	10:00 AM	NOON	\$10	\$15
Paint & Plant – May 16	ACY	5-10 years	SAT	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$20	\$25

FOX WEST YMCA PARENT AND CHILD CLASSES

Parent and Child classes require a parent, guardian, or grandparent to accompany each child in class.

Mini Artists & Grown-Up Sidekicks (AGES 4-7 YEARS WITH PARENT) (FWY)

This parent-child class blends art-making with quality time. Families explore different materials and techniques while nurturing imagination, fine motor skills, and joyful connection.

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Mini Artists & Grown-up sidekicks	FWY	4-7 years with parent	T	5:15 PM	6:30 PM	\$55	\$78

FOX WEST YMCA CHILDRENS CLASSES (AGES 1½-6)

LITTLE LEARNERS CLUB (AGE 2-3 YEARS) (FWY)

A playful, welcoming class designed to explore their very first friendships. Through songs, movement, stories, simple games, and guided play, children practice sharing, taking turns, and participating in a group—all in a nurturing, low-pressure environment. This class supports social development, confidence, and lots of joyful connection as little ones learn and grow together.

PUPPET PLAYTIME! (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (FWY)

Puppet playtime is a joyful, interactive class. Through playful puppet stories, songs, and simple movements, children explore language, emotions and imagination in a fun, nurturing environment. Little ones are encouraged to talk, sing, laugh, and participate as friendly puppet model sharing, kindness, and self-expression.

ON THE FARM (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (FWY)

Learn about farms and farm animals through art, books, and activities.

GROOVE ON WITH PETE THE CAT! (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (FWY)

Let's groove with all things Pete the Cat: From stories, to activities, to art...Let Pete the Cat spark your creativity! To help us accommodate participants with allergies, please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free snack.

MOVE, GROOVE, AND GAMES (AGES 2½-4 YEARS) (FWY)

Learning through movement, music, and activities. We'll have fun being active, interacting through music, playing games, and doing activities. To help us accommodate participants with allergies, please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free snack.

LAUGHTER, LEARNING, LUNCH (AGES 2½-5 YEARS) (FWY)

Exploring, laughter, and learning what a great combination! Your child will have a blast playing with other children, singing, creating, exploring, and learning. To help us accommodate participants with allergies please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free lunch.

SPRING EXPLORERS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (FWY)

Young learners explore the sights and sounds of spring through games, sensory activities, and guided play that support social and developmental growth. To help us accommodate participants with allergies, please pack a nutritious peanut/tree nut-free snack.

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Little Learners Club	FWY	2-3 years	M	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$33	\$56

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Puppet Playtime	FWY	2-3 years	M	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$33	\$56
Move, Groove and Games	FWY	2½-4 years	T	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$63	\$87
Laughter, Learning, Lunch-Bring Lunch	FWY	2½-5 years	T	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	\$49	\$76
Little Learners Club	FWY	2-3 years	W	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$39	\$65
On the Farm	FWY	2-3 years	W	10:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$39	\$65
Groove on with Pete the Cat!	FWY	2½-4 years	TH	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$63	\$87
Laughter, Learning, Lunch-Bring Lunch	FWY	2½-5 years	TH	11:00 AM	12:30 PM	\$49	\$76
Spring Explorers	FWY	3-5 years	F	9:00 AM	11:00 AM	\$72	\$94

HEART OF THE VALLEY YMCA CHILDRENS CLASSES (AGES 2-5)

JUST FOR 2's (AGE 2 YEARS) (HVY)

We know toddlers love being together! This is a class where friendships begin. We'll play, create, and grow together in a fun, nurturing environment.

BUSY BEES (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (HVY)

We will buzz around to different activities, and have fun through stories, songs and art projects that encourage creativity. Your child should have taken Just for 2's or have had a positive Kids Corner experience before taking this class.

LEAP & LEARN (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (HVY)

Let's move our bodies! This class emphasizes playful movement and activities designed to boost your toddler's coordination, body awareness, and self-confidence, all in a supportive setting.

READING THE RAINBOW (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (HVY)

This class is designed to spark your toddler's curiosity and develop visual skills while exploring the colors around them! Each week will feature a "color of the day" paired with a story and song. Let's have fun and wear the colors too! The first class is RED!

SINGING THROUGH THE SEASON (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (HVY)

Join us as we sing through the seasons! We'll play, sing, and explore musical instruments while learning about the beauty of spring and the celebrations that come with them. The final class will include parents or grown-ups for a group sing-along featuring the songs we've enjoyed!

STEPPING STONES TO PRESCHOOL (AGES 2-3 YEARS) (HVY)

Is your 2 or 3 year old getting ready for preschool? This class is a perfect introduction! Children will build social-emotional skills and practice a preschool-style routine through play and structured activities.

JUST FOR 3'S AND 4'S (AGES 3-4 YEARS) (HVY)

Calling all 3 and 4 year-olds! Come join us for a fun and engaging class! We will work on fine motor skills, small group experiences, and creative art projects. Each session includes teacher-led circle and rug time to promote social and emotional growth.

BLOOMING CREATIONS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Spring is here! And it's the perfect time to develop creativity and imagination. In this class, we will enhance these skills with arts and crafts that will brighten even the sunniest of days! We will explore the blooming nature outside (weather permitting) to merge with our art. **Dress for the possibility of a mess!** Join us on the final day for an **art show** showcasing your child's work.

CRAFTS AND CREATIONS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Let's create together! In this class, your child will foster their creativity through a variety of arts and crafts. We will incorporate a weekly theme and fun activities to enhance their imagination! **Dress for the possibility of a mess!**

FOUNDATIONS OF EARLY LEARNING (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Early learners will be introduced to key literacy and math concepts through fun songs, stories, and hands-on activities. We'll explore the magic of the alphabet and dive into counting and number recognition through interactive games that build confidence and curiosity. Please bring a **peanut-free snack** for your child.

HOLA FRIENDS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

¡Hola, amigos! Let's learn Spanish together! This play-based class uses stories, songs, and crafts to teach basic Spanish vocabulary and concepts. We'll focus on beginner communication skills at a preschool level—come learn and make new friends!

I CAN BE AN AUTHOR! (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Early childhood experiences help create a strong foundation for future writers! In this class, we will develop a knowledge of writing and drawing to create a variety of short stories. At the end of the session, your child will unleash the creative writing skills they have learned in class to create a book and officially become an author!

IMAGINATION CREW (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Let's get those minds moving on Saturday mornings! This fun and educational class features hands-on activities, learning centers, crafts, and social development.

MUSICAL MEMORIES (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Some of our best childhood memories come from music. In this class, your child will learn basic musical notes to make their own song! We will incorporate instruments, crafts and stories to go with our musical theme of the day.

PAINT & PLAY! (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Let's combine art and movement! Your child will build fine motor skills through painting and social play. We'll use a variety of age-appropriate art materials, then transition to active movement with music and games. **Dress for the possibility of a mess!**

PRESCHOOL READINESS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Looking for a longer class experience? This program helps prepare children for preschool through engaging social and educational activities. Please pack a **peanut-free snack** for your child.

STORYBOOK STEM (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

This class combines the joy of reading with hands-on STEM activities. Each week, we'll read a story and complete a science, technology, engineering, or math project inspired by the book. **Dress for the possibility of a mess!**

THE LUNCH BUNCH (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

Eating lunch with friends is fun—and helps build healthy habits! This "extended stay" option allows your child to enjoy lunch together in a social setting while developing self-help and social skills. After lunch, we'll enjoy crafts, stories, and music. Please pack a **peanut-free lunch** for your child.

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Reading the Rainbow	HVY	2-3 years	M	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$33	\$56
Just for 3's and 4's	HVY	3-4 years	M	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$33	\$56
Singing Through the Season	HVY	2-3 years	M	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	\$33	\$56
Blooming Creations	HVY	3-5 years	M	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	\$33	\$56
I Can Be an Author!	HVY	3-5 years	M	NOON	1:30 PM	\$42	\$65
Just for 2's	HVY	2 years	T	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	\$34	\$60
Foundations of Early Learning!	HVY	3-5 years	T	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$72	\$98
Busy Bees	HVY	2-3 years	T	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	\$39	\$65
Musical Memories	HVY	3-5 years	T	NOON	1:30 PM	\$49	\$76
Crafts and Creations	HVY	3-5 years	T	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	\$39	\$65
Stepping Stones to Preschool	HVY	2-3 years	W	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	\$49	\$76
Preschool Readiness	HVY	3-5 years	W	9:00 AM	11:30 AM	\$72	\$98
The Lunch Bunch	HVY	3-5 years	W	12:00 PM	2:30 PM	\$72	\$98
Just for 2's	HVY	2 years	TH	9:00 AM	9:45 AM	\$34	\$60
Just for 3's and 4's	HVY	3-4 years	TH	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$39	\$65
Leap & Learn	HVY	2-3 years	TH	10:15 AM	11:15 AM	\$39	\$65
Storybook STEM	HVY	3-5 years	TH	10:30 AM	11:30 AM	\$39	\$65
Paint and Play!	HVY	3-5 years	TH	5:00 PM	6:00 PM	\$39	\$65
Busy Bees	HVY	2-3 years	F	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$39	\$65
Hola Friends!	HVY	3-5 years	F	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	\$49	\$76
Just for 2's	HVY	2 years	F	10:30 AM	11:15 AM	\$34	\$60
Imagination Crew	HVY	3-5 years	SAT	9:00 AM	10:00 AM	\$39	\$65

HEART OF THE VALLEY WORKSHOPS (AGES 3-10 YEARS)

HUGS FOR MOM (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (HVY)

We love our moms! And will celebrate them in this fun Mother's Day Workshop! Your child will create a special keepsake for mom wrapped in extra hugs. We will also have fun with songs, a special snack and a story. We look forward to helping make Mother's Day extra special!

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Hugs for Mom	HVY	3-5 years	5/7/26	12:30 PM	2:30 PM	\$20	\$25

NEENAH-MENASHA YMCA CHILDRENS CLASSES (AGES 1½-5 YEARS)

LET'S GET MOVIN' AND/OR LET'S KEEP MOVIN' (18 MONTHS-3 YEARS) (NMY)

Children love to run, move, play, and learn. This large group class will have your child running, climbing, sliding, crawling, and biking in the gym. To participate, your child must be an independent walker. If this is your child's first class or they are apprehensive, parents are encouraged to stay and participate. If your child has extra energy to burn, register for both Tuesday and Thursday sessions!

BEYOND PLAY (AGES 2-4 YEARS) (NMY)

Packing fun into every class! We'll explore different themes, make fun projects, and move our bodies all while enjoying story time and a sing-along with instruments around the piano.

KINDNESS IN THE COMMUNITY (AGES 2-4 YEARS) (NMY)

Let's sprout and grow kindness with our Y friends this spring! Children will learn about friendship, belonging and create community through stories, songs, art, games, and large motor-interactive play.

COOL KIDS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (NMY)

The coolest thing about being a kid is learning through play! We'll make new friends, explore the magic of books, sing songs, play games, create arts and crafts. Your little one will be so busy they won't realize all the things they are experiencing about social emotional learning, language, and creativity!

PRESCHOOL READINESS (AGES 3-5 YEARS) (NMY)

Thinking about sending your child to preschool soon? In this class, your child will engage in various social and educational activities to help prepare them for a preschool environment, including small group activities, singing together, free play and art projects. Think ... preschool on a smaller scale!

Class name	YMCA	Age	Day	Start	End	Y Member	General Public
Beyond Play	NMY	2-4 years	M	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	\$43	\$65
Let's Get Movin'	NMY	18 months-3 years	T	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$39	\$65
Preschool Readiness	NMY	3-5 years	T	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$39	\$65
Kindness in the Community	NMY	2-4 years	W	9:00 AM	10:30 AM	\$50	\$76
Let's Keep Movin'	NMY	18 months-3 years	TH	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$39	\$65
Cool Kids	NMY	3-5 years	TH	9:30 AM	10:30 AM	\$39	\$65