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Applied Learning

Alice Carlson Applied Learning Center is a school of choice. The applied learning approach encourages children to be independent learners while working as members of a team to apply classroom learning to new situations. In addition to teamwork, an applied learning education emphasizes (1) Communication skills, especially writing, and (2) Awareness of positive complex behavior, such as problem-solving. Applied Learning students work with businesses and organizations outside the classrooms to complete hands-on, real-world, child-centered projects within authentic learning situations.

Applied Learning Projects

Throughout the year, every class focuses on one (or more) project it feels will make an impact within the community (school, neighborhood, city, or beyond). Our children have wonderfully big hearts and often suggest projects that will serve or help others. The class will "discover" the benefit of committees, which work to find ways to make their project successful. You can expect cryptic handwritten notes with misspellings from a letter-writing committee, hand-colored reminder stickers, hallway boxes for collections, and phone calls with forgotten details. These are all signs of learners hard at work. Have your student send a positive note and/or question back to the class to kindly ask for those missing details. It's a great way for everyone to take ownership of their learning!

