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## **Macaroni Party Time!**

## Birthday Parties at apple seeds

This week, I finally got around to uploading and organizing the thousands of pictures we've taken of Sadie over the past 6 months, including the pictures from her first birthday "bash" at apple seeds back in February. It got me reminiscing about how much we enjoyed the party, and what a fantastic job the apple seeds crew did in setting up and running the entire event. Like most Manhattan apartments, our tiny abode is no place to properly fete a child's allimportant first birthday. We therefore turned to the good folks at apple seeds to host what turned out to be an incredible affair.



The 90-minute party included 30 minutes of guided play time in a private area of the immaculate and well-stocked apple seeds gym (complete with ball pit!), followed by a birthday "parade" into a beautifully decorated private party room with Sadie's name spelled out on the wall in giant letter balloons! The three apple seeds team members exclusively dedicated to our party then led the kids in a variety of activities, including parachute time, bubbles, music and more. After that, everyone dug into pizza and juice before Sadie's delicious Elmo-themed cake arrived, at which point Sadie promptly stuck her hand into the candle to put out the flame, causing a minor panic (apparently she's tougher than she looks because, despite her apparent pyromania, she was fine).

I did a lot of research before selecting a venue for Sadie's birthday party, and I couldn't have been more pleased with the decision to go with apple seeds. The staff was warm and professional, Sadie and her friends had a great time and the party flowed very naturally. The best part was that we didn't have to lift a finger - apple seeds took care of everything! The invitations, decorations, pizza, beverages, birthday cake and even goody bags for the kids were all included. And at the end of the party, Sadie's very impressive haul of presents was bundled up and waiting for us at the front entrance, along with all of the leftover food and cake, which we quickly devoured at home! If you're starting to think about where to host your child's first or next birthday party, I highly recommend considering apple seeds! For more information, visit www.appleseedsnyc.com.