

March 2007

PLAYSPACES

Apple Seeds

10 W 25th St between Broadway and Sixth Ave (347-306-4114, appleseedsnyc.com). Subway: F, V, R, W to 23rd St. Playground (members only): Mon, Tue, Thu, Fri 9am–6pm; Wed 9am–7pm; Sat, Sun 10am–4pm.

This new addition to the Big Apple's rec scene boasts a 2,500-square-foot romper room with a soft-play climbing area; a library, birthday room, café and boutique; plus classrooms that host lessons in music, art and cooking. Membership (\$750 per year) grants you and your little seedling unlimited access to the playground, but you don't have to be a member to take advantage of classes, which range in price from \$30 to \$40 per semester. Registration for spring classes continues through March 12. The playground's nine climbing exhibits cleverly mimic typical city sites, such as a taxi and a deli, so that children can get a sense of their hometown without throngs of office workers and tourists towering over them. Ages newborn to 5 years.

http://www.tonykids.com/index.jsp