



WELCOME TO A BRAND NEW YEAR! We want to thank-you for the opportunity to care for and nurture your child. We want to reassure you that in these uncertain times, we are doing everything we can to keep our Colts safe.

COLTS

Our Colts are curious about **EVERYTHING!** They do a lot of tactile learning; therefore, we incorporate hands-on activities in our daily lesson plans. Our class loves to do art projects that involve family participation, so be prepared to do a project or two at home. Painting, chalk, and different painting utensils are just a few of items at our disposal.

The STEAM curriculum is a major part of our daily lessons. We do this in a variety of ways (i.e. sorting toys by size, counting blocks, etc....): flash cards, music and story time just to name a few. Daily, we work with our Colts on manners, sign language, and Spanish. They are little sponges.

Always remember that a child's work is play. This is how he/she learns the skills that are needed in life. We are here to help your child and you through these developmental years. If you have question, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know. You may reach us in numerous ways: by calling RHA and asking for the Colts room, though the Tadpole app, or our classroom e-mail colts@rockinghorseacademy.com

LEARNING & GROWING

This is a difficult age for your child. He/she is no longer a baby who depends on you for everything, and yet he/she is not a pre-schooler who is very independent. This is the age where he/she starts to test boundaries. This is the age where "NO" is his/her favorite word. We start to focus on self-help skills (i.e., feeding himself/herself with a spoon or fork, washing hands with help, putting on jackets, etc....)

One thing that we start focusing on is simple 2-3 steps directions. The main one involves diaper changing. We always explain to the children what we are doing (First, we need to take off your old diaper and put a new one on. Second, when we are done, we pull up our pants. Last, we wash our hands).

Thank-you,
The Colts teachers

REMINDERS

Now is the time for us to check your child's cubby hole for size and weather appropriate clothing. Please remember to label all clothing with your child's name. We have numerous children that have the same brand and size of diapers; so, please be sure and label your child's diapers with his/her initials. (The fold of the diaper is an ideal spot to do this.) Please make sure to bring a **filled water bottle daily**. Our Colts love their water, and we will gladly refill bottles as needed.