



HELLO TROTTER PARENTS! 2020 HAS COME AND GONE, THANK GOODNESS! It was a roller coaster of a year, and we are so glad that as a team, we have worked together to stay safe in the classroom. We teachers have had discussions daily with the class about hand washing and giving friends space. The Trotters also have a toy cleaning schedule we follow every day.

# TROTTERS

In the next month, we will be learning about animals, their habitats and hibernation. As a STEAM activity, we will use small plastic cups and counting bears to create small caves for our bears. We will stack and see how high we can stack. We will discuss which animals hibernate and which animals adapt to the weather. Another subject we will learn about is insects. The class really loves to talk about the different insects we see during outside time, so I am sure they will love this.

Some of the other things we will be learning about is our five senses. We will use our senses to smell different spices, feel different textures and we will also play sound bingo to sharpen our listening. The Trotters will also learn about the different ways we can be and stay healthy, such as keeping healthy routines and habits and eating well. We will also learn about how to stay safe when there is an emergency.



## KINDERGARDEN READINESS

In these next upcoming months, we will continue to work on getting ready to head to kindergarten. We will work on self-regulation, social skills, and academics. The Trotters will learn more about rhyming words, compound words and how to write sentences on their own. Right now, we are starting to write simple sentences such as "Otter starts with the letter O." We are still working on writing skills such as finger placement on writing utensils and tracing letters and words. The teachers also have been encouraging the students to write simple words and letters on their own. Slowly they are getting the hang of writing on their own.

Some of the milestones we are trying to accomplish is writing and spelling their first and last name, work cooperatively with their peers, and how to self regulate and problem solve. Another thing that we are working on is simple math such as  $5 + 5 = 10$  and learning how to identify numbers to 30.

Pretty soon we will be getting ready for graduation! It is a very exciting time for all of us, and I cannot wait for you parents to see what we have been working on. These next months will fly by, and we are so excited to see your children flourish into the best humans they can be. Thank you, parents, for allowing us Trotter teachers to be apart of your child's journey!

- Trotter's Teacher's