

# Wranglers

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## We Applaud You!

I want to start off with a huge **THANK YOU** to all the families for their support during this school year!

The month of May will be filled with celebrations and fun. Mother's Day and Teacher Appreciation week are upon us. We will be doing a survey on moms and their favorite things; it's fun to hear what the children come up with. During the same week, we will have Teacher Appreciation week, celebrating teachers all over the school. It's an honor to be entrusted with these children; they are a joy to teach! As the month comes to an end, our current mighty Wranglers will be getting ready to transition to Broncos and Trotters.

Part of our summer learning themes include the topics of tools, transportation, invention and technology. In our discussion about tools, we brainstormed the different types of tools we encounter in everyday life such as garden tools, classroom scissors, kitchen basters and, of course, hammers and wrenches.

For transportation the children will get to "wash" cars with shaving cream and water, paint with cars and observe and discuss the types of transportation we see from the playground, and talk about how different vehicles move and take us from place to place. Next, we will move on to inventions and technology. We will learn about famous inven-

tions and inventors and how they have shaped our world! For our invention theme week, we will have an "inventor box" full of recycled items, scissors, tape, glue and all sorts of building materials to let our children use their imagination and invent something new. For invention, we will do the "Potato light bulb experiment" which shows how our electrical currents work. We will also talk about and compare our technology in the past to our current time.

Before you know it, June is here and with it, all things summer! We will cover the themes of summer fun, camping and the beach/ocean life by playing with faux sand, making smore's in a solar bin and some water balloon fights. First, we will prepare ourselves to beat the heat with a lesson in sun safety. We will experiment with spreading sunscreen on one half of colored construction paper and leaving the other untreated to give our Wranglers a visible example of the power of the sun. We will have an ice cream party to celebrate our summer fun theme with toppings as sprinkles, fruits and yummy syrup.

Once we roll into August, summer will be coming to an end and children will get into gear to begin our journey into the school year. Our first theme will be Back To School during this theme stu-



dents will get acquainted with new students, classroom rules and new routines.

In closing, I would like to remind parents to be mindful of the Texas heat and dress your child accordingly. Please allow a little extra time in your routine to apply sunscreen to your child prior to drop off and leaving a tube of sunscreen (NO AEROSOL) in class so that we can apply on your child before going outside in the afternoons.

Please don't hesitate to call contact us through tadpoles or email for any questions, comments or concerns you might have during the school year, we here to help you ease your mind. I look forward to the upcoming months.

**REMINDER:** Please provide fresh water in your child's water bottle daily. Please send weather-appropriate change of clothes in case of a potty accident or if we engage in some messy play or activity.