



Trotters

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School's Out for Summer!

The end of the Pre-K year is almost here, and it's almost time for graduation! The children have been working hard and practicing, ready to show you parents what we have been working on. Although this past school year has been difficult on the teachers, parents and students, we would like to thank you so much for trusting us to educate and build a bond with your child. We teachers have watched your child flourish into an independent human who is ready to take on the kindergarten world. We are excited to see what more he/she can accomplish.

An event we have been preparing for is Pre-K graduation. This will take place on Friday May 21st at 11 am. Their last day in the Trotters will be on Friday May 28th. If you wish for your child to continue with us into the summer months, please do not forget to register for summer camp. In June, we will be ready to welcome the new group of children into our classroom. We are excited to show them the ropes of being a pre k student and get them ready for kindergarten. Some of the skills we are going to teach the children is how to be more independent, responsible, and manage self-regulation. As the months go on, they will learn letter recognition, sounds, numbers up to 30, rhyming, compound words and more. Our goal is to have the class ready for kindergarten both socially and academically.

This summer we will be exploring many themes. One of my favorites is ocean animals. The Trotters will be learning about the different creatures in the ocean, where they are more common as well as the different layers of the

ocean. A fun activity we will be doing is the salt water experiment.

We will add some salt, baking soda and regular water to cups. We will then see in which cups small objects sink or float. The children will learn that salt water is more dense than normal water, so things float in salt water.

One of the other subjects we will learn is space. We usually teach one week about the planets and their characteristics and another week learning about astronauts and what it takes to be one. One of the fun activities we will do is make our own moon rocks. It is very hands-on, and the children will practice fine motor skills by rolling the materials into a ball and then using a dropper to drop vinegar onto their moon rock creating creators.

We will be closing out our summer with some fun themes, one of them being dinosaurs! In my years of teaching, I have found this to be a favorite subject. Students will learn about carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. In a math activity we will introduce how to graph. We will use a graph to see which dinosaur has the most fans. We will continue to graph facts throughout the year. At the end of August, we will resume with our Big Day curriculum. We are ready and excited to welcome the Pre-K class of 2022 into our class! We thank you for trusting us with your little ones as we embark on this new school year.