

# Ponies

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## Circle Time: The fun in learning!

We have been working on so many things during circle time in the Pony room. We have been exploring colors (pink, orange, purple, light blue), shapes (rectangle, heart, diamond), numbers (1-10), as well as singing songs such as, *Twinkle Twinkle, Baby Shark, ABC's, One Little Finger*, and more. The children also enjoy singing *Jump Up and Down* while learning to jump and dance. We read many books while in circle time and the children have their favorites like The Watermelon Seed, Please Mr. Panda, Pete The Cat and the Wheels on the Bus.

The Pony class was so excited as we planted our first flowers during the week of the young child. If you haven't seen them yet, they are located outside our back classroom door please feel free to check them out, each plant is labeled with your child's name on it. They got to help put the soil in, put the flower seed in its place, and they even helped water the flower for the first time. We all had so much fun, and we look forward to doing this again to help this summer in the big garden outside by the playground.

The Ponies are continuing our STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) concept in our classroom, focusing on science for the next few months. We will work on color recognition when doing art projects such as making puffy paint with different colors. We will be growing a new plant in our classroom in the next few months, and the students will get to observe as the

plant grows and changes over the next few weeks. We will work with math. We will hand out different blocks or toys with different colors and ask our friends if they can find the color on our carpet. Where we will count as a group and see how many blocks each friend has in that color square.



## REMINDERS

The Ponies are very excited to see that spring has arrived, and we are anxiously awaiting summer! As the weather warms up, please check your Pony's cubby to make sure he/she has cool attire and that clothing fits properly. Keeping your little Pony hydrated is very important to us, so please be sure to bring a labeled water cup for your child each day. Also, as the children begin wearing their new summer clothes, please remember that for their safety, it is recommended to always bring them to school in closed-toe shoes (preferably tennis shoes). Finally, with hot sunny days, it's very important to use sunscreen. You should apply it in the morning *before* arriving, and we will reapply some after nap in the afternoon. We will be checking for sunscreen in our box, and we will let you know if your Pony is running low on sunscreen.

Please make sure it is the **lotion** type. With new families joining our room, we have had some questions about diapers and wipes. We have 6 scheduled diaper changes a day. Diapers are also checked periodically throughout the day, so your child can potentially use 5 to 7 diapers a day. I check supplies on Monday and try my absolute best to give you 2 days' notice to bring in supplies. We currently do have some friends with the same diapers and wipes, and we ask that you please label all diapers with your child's initial on the folded area. We also ask that you please label wipe packages as you bring them in. We also ask that all items brought into the school are labeled, including water bottles, lunchboxes, nap items, or any other personal belongings.