

# FOALS 1

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## Goodbye summer and hello fall!

**I want to welcome all the new families to Foals 1. Our class is looking forward to the start of a new school year with new and exciting challenges as the learning never ends in Foals 1.**

At this age every minute is a learning experience, and, in our class, we like to make sure those moments are also filled with fun. In Foals 1 we keep the learning flowing as we discover our school, classroom, and friends through play.

Fall brings a change in the air, colorful leaves, and joyous holiday celebrations. We will make a fall tree with our handprints using the colors yellow, red, orange, and brown. During floor time, we will take the opportunity to talk about our favorite unit family. We will spend a lot of time looking at pictures of our families and talking about them. We will make a family collage.

An important development activity that we enjoy is mirror play. Mirrors are a wonderful learning tool, used to encourage exploration in their development. Infants love looking at their reflection and noticing their own reaction. Do they try to touch the baby in the mirror or smile at them? We talk to them about who they are seeing, and they learn so much from making facial expressions, seeing their reaction and building on language development.

### Fun Facts: Crayons!

Everyone's favorite coloring utensil, the crayon, ranks #18 on the list of most recognizable scents, according to a study done by Yale University.

In the Color Census of 2000, blue was voted the favorite crayon color. The worst? Tan, tumbleweed and spring green.

By the time a little one turns 10, they will have worn down approximately 730 crayons and will have spent about 28 minutes per day coloring (on average).

We are anticipating a joyful holiday season in the coming months. We will sing holiday songs with our friends "Jingle Bells," "Frosty," and "Rudolph." For art we will sponge paint a Christmas tree green and finger-paint a wreath.

Babies are a blessing, and we look forward to having yours in our classroom as we work with them encouraging new milestones.

Please make sure to label everything with his or her name. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to ask.