

PONIES

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Hello from the Ponies!

We have been busy since our last newsletter. Not only are we reinforcing our academic knowledge, but we are increasing our verbal and social skills. Every day is a learning adventure! Students enjoy puzzles and finger plays that help them learn their fine motor skills and visual perceptions. Ponies also love exploring with shaving cream, using their hands as well as a paint brush. At this age, we encourage the children to use their words and learn to share. We will practice walking through the hallway like big boys and girls and look at all the artwork on the walls. We encourage children to communicate their feelings using words and not with aggression. "Soft touches only" and "Use your words" are key phrases that we use often in class.

Every month we review our shapes, learn our colors, and focus on various letters of the alphabet. In our everyday activities, we find opportunities to count from 1 to 10. Mom and Dad can help too by counting to ten each time we brush our teeth or when we wash our hands. Children learn so much faster by doing activities over and over; repetition is key!

Coming up in the next few months, we will also talk about our homes and families. What kinds of homes are there for people? How many people live in your home? Do you have pets, or siblings? Moms and Dads will be asked to bring this information in for us, so be ready for some questionnaires! In November we will use the Thanksgiving Feast to bring together the themes of family and community as our Rocking Horse community gathers to eat together with family and friends. We hope you are able to attend; keep a lookout for more information from our class and the school. We are looking forward to the next few months as we start getting ready for the upcoming holidays. The Ponies have some fun new projects coming up. We are excited for October as we have the lobby to decorate and we get to be creative with our art work for all of Rocking Horse to see.

REMINDERS

As the weather changes please, remember to check your child's cubby and refill with weather-appropriate clothing: pants, shirts, socks, etc. Soon, we will need a jacket or a sweater for those cool autumn mornings.

Please remember to LABEL, LABEL, LABEL everything!

Labeling is vital to prevent the loss of your Pony's belongings. We try to keep a permanent marker next to our water bucket during drop-off each morning. Please double-check that your Pony's name has not washed off of his/her water cup before placing it in the bucket.

Thank you so much to all of the Pony parents! We are so appreciative for all of the support you give to us each and every day! We look forward to spending a wonderful autumn with you and your child! Please let us know if you have any questions!

