

TROTTERS

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Hello, Trotter Families!

Summer has come and gone, and we are ready to start our new school year. These past few months, we have seen your child flourish into such an independent child, and we will continue to help them get ready for kindergarten.

Come August 23, we will start on our Big Day curriculum. A few things that we will work on are writing skills, compound words, syllables and math. If you would like for me to send home packets for your child to work on, please don't hesitate to ask. A few topics we will cover is Our School, Our Family and, one of our personal favorites, Awesome Animals. The children really love this one because we get to explore life cycles, insects, and the habitats of different animals throughout the world. We will do many art projects and sensory bins related to these topics.

One of the main lessons that we will focus on more is writing skills. The Trotters will learn how to properly hold a pencil and start to learn how to write their own name. We have been working on this since they joined our class, but a little more practice will help. When we do start curriculum, it does involve much more

writing. Math is another subject we will tackle in more depth. We have already started some simple math, but we will work on counting up to 30 in both English and Spanish. A fun activity we include is using Uno cards and counting blocks to do number recognition, counting, and adding.

Another skill we teach is working together as a small community. We do talk about how it is our class, so we work together to keep it clean, be nice to our friends, and help each other out when we see someone needs help. During circle time, we talk about our class expectations and daily affirmations to get our day started.

We do have some fun events and activities planned for the next few months. One of my favorite holidays to celebrate is Halloween. We discuss the difference between reality and fantasy so they will not be scared during this season. We will also have a Halloween party as well as a parade so they can show the rest of Rocking Horse their awesome costumes. In December, we will do Children and Culture Around The World. This is where we pick a country and learn about their daily lives and how they celebrate the holidays and compare it to how we celebrate it in the United States.

These next months will go by as quickly as they came, and we hope your children enjoy every minute of it. As always, if you have any comments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to talk to myself or Ms. Mackenzie.

Riddle Break

Q: What animals live at school?

A: Fish!