

WRANGLERS

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WELCOME TO SUMMERTIME!

I cannot believe how fast this year has flown by! These next few months we will be preparing your children for the big transition into the Pre-K classrooms, Broncos and Trotters. We will be introducing Ms. Tina and Ms. Hall to our class so the students can become comfortable and familiar with them before they start in their classrooms. It's such an exciting journey for the children, and we could not be prouder of them and how much they learned and grow these past few months. The Wrangler's teachers would love to thank the parents for all their support during the school year and for being so involved in class activities and fun. We would also like to thank them for the generous gifts, goodies and all the love and appreciation during Teacher Appreciation Week. It mean a lot to us!

Beginning in May, we will explore our transportation/maps and tools/building units by sorting our transportation center toys by land, air and water to discuss the different ways we can travel. We will continue with our "car wash" activity where we will put cars in shaving cream, and the students will "wash" the cars. For our STEAM unit, we going to have the children work together as a team to build a bridge with popsicle sticks and plastic cups; its so fun to watch them come together and see their exciting faces when they accomplish their goal

We will start the summer by learning about safety, the beach, and camping. These are some of our favorite themes to learn about in the classroom. We will start by discussing how to stay safe during any beach trip and learn how sunscreen protects our skin by doing the sunscreen-on-paper experiment. We will predict what we think it will happen to the paper. It's a great conversation starter. We will proceed to make our own s'mores by wrapping the crackers, marshmallow, and chocolate in foil and put them in direct sunlight to bake during our camping theme. Also we will have a pretend camping day in class.

For our American history and space unit, we will learn

about the first person to walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong. We will learn about the planets and make a class solar system to display in the classroom; students love to be involved in coloring and painting the planets while we learn facts about each one. Later we study their favorite theme, Dinosaur! In all my years of teaching, dinosaur week is the best. We will start by tracing dinosaur shadows by placing a dinosaur toy in direct sunlight hitting a plain white paper, and the students get to trace the shadow. We will continue by making dinosaur feet with old tissue boxes we have recycled during our school year. They get to decorate their boxes to their liking.

We will start our school year unit in August. We will start with small assessments so we can create a starting point for each student. During this transition period from Pintos to Wranglers, we understand it can be challenging on the children because it is such a big change to have new teachers to meet as well as a different classroom environment. Ask your children how their day was when you get home as well as something new they learned or new friends they may have

made. This can help them become excited and comfortable about their new classroom; it could even help you as a parent to be excited and comfortable for them. In the Wrangler classroom, we love open communication with parents. I would like the parents to feel welcome and comfortable to ask as many questions as they would like on the classroom rules, expectations, teachers, or how their child is adjusting. Please don't hesitate to contact us via ProCare messages, calls, or email

REMINDERS

Please provide fresh water in your child's water bottle daily. Please send a weather-appropriate change of clothes in case of a potty accident or if we engage in some messy play or activity.

*Please allow a little extra time in your routine to apply sunscreen to your child prior to drop-off and leaving a tube of sunscreen (NO AEROSOL) in class so that we can apply on your child before going outside in the afternoons.

