

Rocking Horse Review



Big Cheer for the New School Year

This newsletter is jampacked with the exciting and educational activities our classrooms have in store, continuing the tradition of what RHA stands for. Over the next few months we are excited to welcome back some of our Enrichment Programs, such as, Soccer Shots, a schedule will be released soon. Our usual Nothing Bundt Cakes fundraiser has been moved to spring, however we are looking forward to our upcoming Charleston Wrap Fundraiser, information will be sent home with your student October 24th.

We are grateful to all the families who call Rocking Horse Academy a part of their family. Salute to a new school year filled with love and learning.

Important Dates

BACK-TO-SCHOOL NIGHT
SEPTEMBER 15

512 PORTRAITS
OCTOBER 4-6

**PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST/
CANNED FOOD DRIVE**
OCTOBER 24-28

CHARLESTON WRAP FUNDRAISER
OCTOBER 25 - NOVEMBER 8

COSTUME PARADE
OCTOBER 31

PAJAMA DAY
NOVEMBER 1

FAMILY FEAST
NOVEMBER 18

TOY DRIVE
NOVEMBER 28 - DECEMBER 2



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SCHOOL CLOSED

September	5 th
October	10 th
November	24 th , 25 th
December	22 nd , 23 rd , 26 th

TUITION DUE

SEPTEMBER	6 th , 19 th
OCTOBER	3 rd , 17 th , 31 st
NOVEMBER	14 th , 28 th
DECEMBER	12 th , 27 th

FOALS 1

Ms. Renee
Ms. Chey
Ms. Jessica
Ms. America

We've Only Just Begun

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.

An important developmental activity that we will do is mirror play. Mirrors are a wonderful learning tool, used to encourage exploration aid in their development. Infants love looking at their reflection and notice how they react. 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. Another activity we use with the mirror is having the babies doing tummy time in front of the mirror.

Tummy time strengthens your baby's back and neck while lifting his/her head, legs, and arms.

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.

Fall brings colorful leaves, and we will make a fall tree with our handprints using the colors yellow, red, orange, and brown.

During feeding time as our babies grow, we practice putting their hands on the bottle to eventually learn to self-feed. And once your child is 4 months old, he or she will get exercise time in the exercisauers. You will see that hard work pays off as your child builds muscles and gets mobile first by pushing up and rolling, later by crawling, scooting, and walking.

We speak gently to infants throughout the day during routines such as diapering and feeding in both Spanish and English to introduce both language at this important development stage. We try to incorporate additional words into their day to expand their vocabulary by describing what we are doing.

As we end the year with the holiday season Foals 1 will be busy with art projects. We will sponge paint a Christmas tree green, finger paint a wreath and paint Christmas ornaments.

As always, our babies are learning about themselves their world and their abilities, we are here to help and encourage them to reach their goals. If you have questions comments suggestions or concerns, please feel to contact us.



FOALS 2

Ms. Barbara
Ms. Jessie
Ms. Emily
Ms. Paulina

Ready, Set, LEARN



Farewell summer! Hello autumn and a big welcome to our new friends. We are excited to have you with us.

We are gearing up for lots of learning. At this age, every minute is a learning experience, and we want to make sure these moments are fun-filled. With so much movement and growing occurring during this phase, we are always excited to explore and use the 5 senses with your baby. We introduce sensory experiences daily; this includes listening to music, tasting a variety of foods, our artwork, and touching different textures.

One of our favorite activities in Foals 2 that encourages the use of our senses is playing with our sensory toys. Our current wall allows your baby to feel soft, fluffy textures, rough grass-like surfaces, and smooth cool areas. Our sensory bottles can be loud noises or can be soft noises. Did you know your baby is learning **Science** through sensory play? Investigating how the boards feel and look is science. Learning to touch the fluffy textures because they are soft and avoid the rough textures because

they're pokey is your baby's way of investigating and analyzing the world around him/her.

To further support each baby's development, we use different words to expand his/her language when describing how things feel, taste, and smell. This activity can carry over into mealtime and art time. Crumbling crackers, tasting new foods, squishing paint between our fingers is all part of sensory development and teaches your baby cause and effect. As you can see, the learning and fun really doesn't stop in Foals 2.

Communication is a vital part of any relationship, and as teachers we would like to make sure we have all forms of communication open to you pertaining to your child. Please feel free to contact with questions, comments, or concerns by calling RHA, by email at foals2rockinghorseacademy.com, or through the ProCare app. We are so grateful to have your child and you as part of the RHA family. We look forward to more growing and learning with your baby in Foals 2.



Ms. Katie
Ms. Aiden
Ms. Marissa
Ms. Nakayla

Welcome Colts!

We are so excited about the start of the new school year! Each month we will be exploring new themes through art work, literature, music, and dance. We will also introduce the children to fun new colors, shapes, Spanish words, and American Sign Language.

Our lesson plans are posted weekly and will help engage the children creatively, socially, and mentally. Not to mention that all of our lesson plans use STEAM, which also helps build critical thinking skills! We tend to do a lot of “Playing to Learn” at this age which includes many messy art projects and encouraging the children to play with their food! At this age, sensory play is vital, and these activities can help them to work together, be creative, and recognize colors and shapes.

Throughout the rest of the year, we will have ample opportunity to celebrate a multitude of other occasions such as our Fall Fest in October, the Family Feast in November, and Holiday Traditions from Around the World in December!

We hope that you and your families will help us celebrate these occasions with gusto!

A FEW REMINDERS: The seasons are changing, so we would love your help in making sure your child has weather-appropriate clothing in his/her cubby hole. Don't forget to label clothing, bags, bedding and water cup with your child's name and initials of last name, and your diapers. Morning can be a little hectic and we want to ensure that the items to go to the correct child.

Please refer to Procure for all daily communications. We mark it with any supplies that are needed, how your child's day was, and any information pertaining to your child or RHA. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call during our nap hours (12:00-2:00). You may also message us on Procure or send us an e-mail!

(colts@rockinghorseacademy.com)
Thank you for allowing RHA and the Colts to care for and nurture your child.





Ms. Allison
Ms. Stephanie
Ms. Athena
Ms. Alexandra

SEASON OF FUN

Hello from Ponies! Autumn is here and the holidays are right around the corner! There is a lot to do and learn as we dive right into one of the busiest and most fun filled seasons of the year.

Students have been enjoying games, puzzles, and sensory play that helps them expand their fine motor skills. We are working on our speech and vocabulary with seasonal songs and books. We ask you to continue to encourage your little one to verbalize as much as possible; we love to hear your Ponies chattering! All our children learn at different speeds, and the learning of speech is integrated into every aspect of our daily routine. As always, we are using our sign language whenever possible! We encourage children to communicate their feelings using words. "Soft touches" and "Use your words" are common phrases used in our classroom.

Every week we review our shapes, colors, animal sounds and focus on various letters of the alphabet. In our everyday activities, we find different opportunities to count from 1 to 10. We count our friends, fingers and even our snacks! Mom and

Dad can help too, by counting to ten each time we brush our teeth or washing our hands. Coming up in our next few months, we will be talking about our homes and families. In November we will use the Thanksgiving Feast to bring together the themes of family and friendship as our Rocking Horse community gather to eat together. We hope you are able to attend; keep a lookout for more information from our class and the school.

We are looking forward for the next few months as we start getting ready for the upcoming holidays. The Ponies have some fun projects coming up. We are excited for October as we have the lobby to decorate, and we get to be creative and display our artwork for the school to see.

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

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!



Ms. Kiira
Ms. Hadeel
Ms. Grace

CHARGERS I

Welcome Chargers I

A new school year is beginning, and we can't wait to learn and grow! We will learn all about our shapes, colors, explore letters and practice counting through repetition, songs, games and circle time activities.

We will begin with getting to know about each other, our classroom, and our school. Be on the lookout for our All About Me project. This will be a fun project to do as a family! In October we are going to STOP DROP and ROLL into our fire safety theme. Where we will learn all about firefighters, fire engines, and learn to listen out for our schools fire alarm and where we go when we hear it.

We incorporate STEAM throughout the classroom everyday. With fall right around the corner we will

be counting fall leaves and the seeds in an apple. We will be exploring pumpkins. We will learn the science of what is inside a pumpkin, examining the seeds with magnifying glasses, while also using our senses to smell and touch the insides. We will do a large variety of fall art activities such as making a fall leaf collage from leaves we gather. We are also going to make some sensory water bottles based on the seasons. In addition to STEAM, we will be doing activities with a focus on cultures, diversity and kindness. With the holidays approaching, we will explore diversity with our holidays around the world.

Important Reminders:

Please remember to label ALL of your child's belongings: clothes, diapers, wipes, cups, lunch boxes, bedding and backpacks. This will help eliminate confusion and lost items. Also, please bring a bag or backpack to put all of your child's belongings in on Fridays. Its about to get chilly for our little twos be sure to dress accordingly (jackets, extra socks, shoes, pants, long sleeves)

POTTY TALK

Around 2 years old, your child may become interested in using the potty. This can be an extremely exciting time for both families and your child. Having your child sit on the toilet during diaper changes is a great way to begin the learning process. Toddlers love to practice their newfound independence by "doing it by myself." Dressing your child in clothing that is easy up and down and washing hands after potty is a great way to work on self-independence. If you feel your child is ready to start the potty training process, we are here every step of the way.



Ms. Chelsi
Ms. Loretta
Ms. Brooke

CHARGERS 2

FALL into Fun and Learning

So long summer! Chargers 2 is ready to welcome the cooler weather, and fall! It's time to get back on track and start the new school year with lots of new and exciting activities.

September brings up our theme of Back-to-School. We will continue working on learning the letters of our names, number recognition, shapes and measuring out how big a "School Bus" actually is. We will talk about our friends and welcome new friends from Chargers 1. We will also explore our 5 Senses and how they work. We will do an experiment on our 5 senses and graph our results along with talking about them in small groups (further info to come soon, since this will include taste).

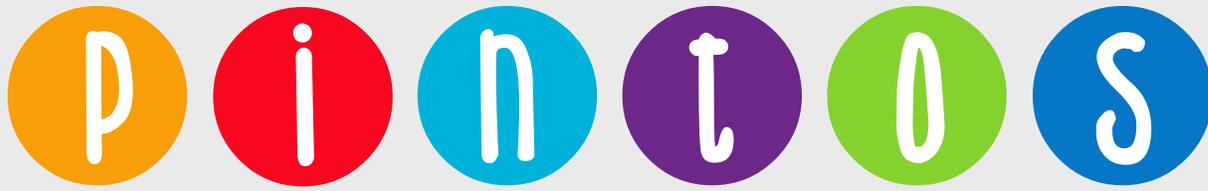
Our calendar gets very busy in October when we work on our themes of Fire Prevention, Stranger Danger, and Fall Harvest. Yay, pumpkins and apples! Two of our planned activities include apple tasting and carving our class pumpkin. This is always so much fun and such a great learning experience. The children look forward to this time of the year when they can wear their Halloween costumes to school and have a parade around the building. They also love to see the older children pass by in their costumes and cheer and clap for them. We will work on the skills for Fire Safety and Stranger Danger. We will learn to Stop, Drop and Roll and also

make fire hats. The skills we learn will be fun but also helpful to the children.

In November we will talk about family and togetherness. We will make paper bag turkeys, sort and count acorns, talk about our families and have a wonderful feast here at school (stay tuned for details). We will talk about the weather, the leaves changing and build a scarecrow. Then December will be with us before we know it, and we will do many fun and exciting holiday activities including our book exchange among our friends. We will talk about traditions that our families share together and have a holiday party to celebrate this special time of year with family and friends. We will review our numbers, letters and shapes and see how far we have come with recognition of what we've learned in the previous few months.

Lastly, please do not forget to have a FULL set of weather-appropriate clothes-- Labeled in your child's cubby at all times. Shoes are always one that's forgotten. Please be sure your child has a backup pair of shoes as well. Please also make sure that their water bottles and belongings are labeled with their name. And only fresh water in the water bottles please. Thank you so much for a wonderful class!





Ms. Hannah
Ms. Monette

FALL INTO LEARNING

Hey Pintos!

We are so excited to start this new school year with you. This fall we will learn about a variety of subjects such as fire safety, stranger danger, community helpers, the fall season, families, holiday traditions, and cultures around the world. In addition, we will go more in depth with identifying colors, shapes, numbers, and letters. Every week we will have a new theme, color, shape, and letter to learn and review. Pintos will also be doing super fun science experiments with colors and lots of hands-on sensory play. I have been introducing the students to liquid glue, glue sticks, and scissors, so they'll be more comfortable using them when doing crafts.

In the fall, we will get to know our friends and family. We will be making a self-portrait and really getting our creative side going. We will talk about our classroom and what is expected of the students as they start to get familiar with the routine. We will also be carving a pumpkin, so the students can see what's inside! We will make

POTTY TRAINING

Potty training is still an ongoing learning experience for the Pinto room. Please remember to have at least 2 full sets of weather-appropriate clothes in your child's cubby at school. This should include 2 pairs of shorts/pants, 2 shirts, 2 pairs of socks, and 1 pair of extra shoes. If potty training, please bring 3 of everything except for shoes.

Accidents are going to happen but don't give up. It's an important part of the potty-training process. Plastic bags are our best friends; we are always accepting donations! Another part of the potty-training process is teaching and allowing your child to independently pull his/her bottoms and underwear down to go potty and pull them up as well.

Halloween crafts and have a fall/Halloween party as well.

Students will learn about fire safety.

This topic is very important because knowing the characteristics of fire will help children identify its dangers while also discouraging them from playing with fire. It'll also emphasize that children need to get out of the building when there's a fire, and that they shouldn't stop to save their favorite toys. We will also talk about what firefighters do to stop the fire and fire alarms. We will read books and look at pictures to help identify the heroes in big suits and why we shouldn't be afraid of them or hide if there is a real fire. It's a proven fact that teaching children about fire safety can make a lifesaving difference.

Furthermore, we will talk about Thanksgiving, the weather change, and foods. As Thanksgiving approaches, we will explore all the different kinds of foods we eat during Thanksgiving and what we are most thankful for. We will make turkey crafts and decorate feathers as a class. We will have a Thanksgiving party for the students to enjoy! To wrap up the year, Pintos' will be getting super crafty for the holidays! We will decorate our very own Christmas tree and learn about children around the world and how they spend their holidays. We will also learn about animals in the winter, The Gingerbread Man, snowflakes, and New Year's. I'm super excited about the awesome learning

CUBBIES

Parents, please remember to check your child's cubby and mailbox at pick up. We will have everything your child needs to take home located there.

If you have any questions, please feel free to ask any of your Pinto teachers or email us at Pintos@rockinghorseacademy.com

WRANGLERS

Ms. Miriam
Ms. Brittany
Ms. Zoe

Back-to-School Kick Off

Summer is rolling to an end, but we are excited to start the next school year! We look forward to our year together as we prepare our students for Pre-K next summer.

Kicking off the start of the school year we will focus on Back-To-School. As we welcome our students, we will talk about ourselves: learning about school, class, and friends. When we learn about ourselves, it is also important to incorporate how we interact with others which will bring us to our theme on Manners. The students will learn the importance of manners and how to use them by making a class garden of manners. Each of these units highlight the importance of social and emotional development. Getting along with peers and regulating our moods/emotions are a great way to prepare for kindergarten.

Looking outside the classroom, our safety unit will have our Wranglers learning about fire safety, stranger danger, and community helpers. At RHA we practice monthly fire drills and to extend the learning our students will also learn about stop, drop, and roll. While learning the importance of fire safety, we will add some science to the mix as we create our own pretend fire by mixing baking soda, vinegar and red and orange food coloring. This safe way of showing the colors of fire compounds

the learning fun. Stranger danger is another part of our safety unit. The students will learn what to do, who to tell, and the “safe people” to find in case a stranger approach. The purpose of these lessons is to ensure that our children are equipped with this knowledge, so that they will know what to do and be confident in their response to these types of situations. This brings us to learning about community helpers and why they are so important. When you’re out and about, point out the community helpers to your child to continue the learning at home.



Closing out the year as we transition into cooler weather we will learn about the different seasons and celebrations of holidays, family, and home. We will use this opportunity to explore our culinary skills by making different snacks too learn about yummy fall foods. Speaking of food, Wranglers will also learn about Thanksgiving traditions and how they celebrate at home. We are also excited to learn how children of other cultures around the world celebrate their holidays. We encourage you to bring in some information about how your family celebrates this time of the year as well.

The learning never stops and our Wranglers are certainly up to the challenge. As always, if you have any questions or concerns, please DO NOT hesitate to ask any Wranglers teacher as we will gladly help to the best of our ability. Thank you for trusting us with your little ones!

MUSTANGS

Ms. Angela
Ms. Dana

FALL into LEARNING

We are excited to fall into learning and end 2022. The next few months are going to go by so quickly and before we know it, we will be ushering in a new year! One of our main goals in the Mustang classroom is getting your child ready for the big move into the Pre-K class. In the next few months, we will be encouraging the students to be more independent from going potty, proper hand-washing skills, putting on their own jackets, and working zippers. We will be helping them recognize and name their emotions and use their words to communicate those feelings and their wants. The other big goal that we hope to achieve by the end of the year is improving their writing skills. I hope by the end year your child will be able to recognize the first letter in their name and be able to write it! To get us to that big goal, we will be working a lot on our fine motor skills.

It may just seem like just scribbles on paper but with a little practice and some help from you, your child will be able to accomplish this goal!

Our curriculum for the rest of the year is going to be FALL-tastic! One of my favorite themes is Harvest! We will be cutting open pumpkins, making volcanos out of them, and even cooking up a yummy recipe or

two with them! As Fall gives way to winter we will be learning all about the children around the world. How they eat and dress, and what makes them so special!

We are always working hard to improve our centers in our classroom. We rotate the toys and change the environment every 2-3 weeks to keep things fresh, so the children stay excited about learning.

These next few months will be full of excitement all while your child is learning and growing! We can't wait to continue to watch them learn and develop as we take on the rest of the year! Thank you for all your love and support!

PUMPKIN VOLCANO

- ★ Clean out the inside of the pumpkin
- ★ Add a couple of tablespoons of baking soda and a couple of squirts of dish soap



- ★ Add a few drops of food coloring
- ★ Start pouring in the vinegar and watch. Enjoy the show!

Ms. Tina
Ms. Norma
Ms. Alycia

TROTTERS

Pre-K Official

Hello Trotter parents! We have officially started Pre-K and I could not be more excited. We have started the Big Day curriculum and the children have adapted to it wonderfully. Some of the things that we have been working on academically are sentence structure, action words and letter sounds. Socially, we have been working on working together as a class, using words to explain our emotions and learning how to self regulate with help from the teachers.

One of the subjects we will learn aside from curriculum, is Apples. Apples are the one the Trotters favorite snack to have. We will learn about the life cycle of an apple, do an apple taste test as well as have an introduction to graphing, as we graph which type of apple is liked the most. One thing I do like to do with this theme is to give the class some apple pieces and some toothpicks and see how high they can build. We also take a virtual field trip to an apple orchard to learn how the fruit gets from the orchard to the grocery store. Which brings us to the next subject I like to touch base on, community helpers. I like to teach this subject because it gives the children a glimpse of how hard the community helpers in Kyle work hard to keep us safe and the community running smoothly. We usually invite the Kyle Fire Department to come visit the children and they get to tour the fire truck. The children have such a good time!

As the year goes on, we will start to learn sight words. We will start small with words such as I, the,

we, and to. Then we will progress to slightly bigger words. We will practice tracing first and then when the child is confident they can write their letters, we will do it without highlighter. We will also have an introduction to math. We will start with simple math problems as well as some patterns.

In the last two months of the year, we will have awesome events and fun activities as well as some family projects for all to enjoy. Since we started the curriculum, one fun thing we have started as an incentive for the class is earn marbles to reach a simple goal. I have explained to the class that we earn marbles as a whole. Some of the things they can do to earn a marble is to listen during circle time, work together during activities, use inside voices in the class and use a respectful level of voices while walking in the hallway etc. Since we don't bring stuffed animals into the class daily, their first goal is to earn 15 marbles to be able to bring a small stuffed toy to sleep with. They are so excited for this one.

I am so excited to show you, the parents, what we are working on and what your children are learning daily. Thank you so much for allowing us to spend this time with your sweet babies!



Ms. Anastasia
Ms. Emily

BRONCOS

Practice Makes Pre-K

WELCOME BACK STUDENTS AND FAMILIES!

I am excited to have everyone back to school this fall and to start preparing for kindergarten. I have worked at Rocking Horse for two years and have been working with the Corral Kids and the other Pre-K classrooms. Our goals in the Broncos room are for the students to start practicing positive behavior by using kind words towards their teachers and students along with sharing with others.

As school starts for us this fall, the students will practice writing their name and learning their last name. The students will also practice correct line order for graduation; we will have no line leaders this year. Every morning at carpet time, the students will stand and say the Pledge of Allegiance. They will also start to learn how to write the alphabet and numbers from 1 to 10.

For our fall activities, the students will learn about pumpkins and explore the inside of the pumpkin by cutting it up and taking the seeds out. This gives students the opportunity to learn about the anatomy of a plant. We will also make homemade applesauce. This exercise

will teach students ratios and measurement of different ingredients. Students will experience fall smells, flavors, and activities. We will be reading books about fall and the changing of the seasons. Another exercise we will be doing is building a tree out of blocks; this give the students the chance to



learn more about fall and continue to be hands on.

As we grow together this fall, please feel free to contact me or the other teachers anytime you have any questions regarding classroom activities, donations for classroom supplies, or recommendations.

CORRAL KIDS

SUMMER HAS COME AND GONE, BUT WE WENT OUT WITH A BANG AT OUR END-OF-SUMMER CARNIVAL. It's always hard to see such a fun summer end, but it's great to see new and old faces joining Corral Kids for another new school year! The beginning of school for Corral Kids is all about adjusting to new schedules, teachers, curriculum, and friends...we are all excited to get the 2022-2023 school year started! Homework, art projects, science experiments, games and activities are just a few of the fun things Corral Kids have planned this school year. We are excited to say Welcome Back, Corral Kids.

This fall we have many fun activities planned! S.T.R.E.A.M. activities and art projects are a must! We will use inspiration from our surrounding nature, school events, and our students here at RHA to plan activities for all to enjoy. Don't forget every Friday is movie day! There is a list of Fridays' movies provided on the gym doors at the beginning of the month. We are working together to have the best Corral Kids' year yet!

To start the year, each of our four groups will be working with the teachers in their group to create their own personalized set of rules to allow the students to have input into their program. We find that if we encourage the students to set their own rules, (and they generally know what rules they should follow), they are more inclined to follow them. We want to make each day an exciting and safe day, and each of our students can look forward to after-school fun! As the weather changes, so will our focuses. We will celebrate fall activities such as leaf art, group pumpkin painting, and spooky science just to name a few! We look forward to an exciting and cooler fall semester with all our Corral Kids.

RULES & REMINDERS:

With days filled with changing leaves there may be lower temperatures, we have much to look forward to. There are a few rules we want to remind our returning friends, while letting our new ones in on the happenings here in Corral Kids. - We ask that all toys from home stay at home. (We would hate if anything were to get lost or broken while at RHA) - Bring a water bottle each day to have at our outside times as well as snack. Each group has a set time each day for quiet homework time. (Please tell your child's teacher if there is anything you want us to focus on in that time. (i.e. reading, writing, math) - At pick-up time, we ask that you check in with your child's specific teacher to see how his/her afternoon went. That is when any forms that need signatures or school handouts can be completed. - Please be sure to communicate with us about pick-up changes during the week.

ALL DAY CARE

All-day care tuition is \$75/ Wk plus \$35 each day your child attends. If you do not wish to use All-day care, the \$35 will not be charged*. For Thanksgiving Break, Christmas Break, and Spring Break if you do not use All-day care, no tuition will be charged. Make sure to reserve your spot as space is limited in the holiday season.

*ALL-DAY CARE available September 6th *

ALL-DAY CARE available October 7th

*ALL-DAY CARE available October 31st *

ALL-DAY CARE available November 1st

ALL-DAY CARE available November 21st- 23rd

ALL-DAY CARE available December 16th

ALL-DAY CARE will be available December 19th – 21st

ALL-DAY CARE will be available December 27th -30th