



Rocking Horse Review

May - August 2023

Summer is here and once again we celebrate the turning of the seasons. We had a busy spring wrapping up parent-teacher conferences, hosting our annual Scholastic book fair for Read Across America Week (we were able to purchase over \$2,000 in books for all of the classrooms!), enjoying spring parties and egg hunts, taking individual spring portraits with 512 Portrait Company, and celebrating Week of the Young Child with a theme week.

We are all ready for warm sunny and maybe even hot weather, along with outdoor activities, fun crafts and much more. Our Rocking Horse Academy teachers have so much in store for this summer, and we are grateful that our parents can honor them during Teacher Appreciation week in May for all the work they do throughout the year. RHA will also have the privilege of celebrating moms and dads by inviting you all to Muffins with Moms in May and Donuts with Dad in June. We can't overlook one of our favorite events at Rocking Horse Academy: our Pre-K Graduation and Reception. Our staff works diligently along with our students to make this a day to remember. Please check our calendar for all event dates.

All of these activities are just a glimpse into the fun we have here at RHA, which are made possible through the help of our families, teachers, staff and community. Along with this we have many learning adventures lined up and our teachers are eager to share a peek into the learning on the horizon.

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IMPORTANT dates

MAY 2023

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- Tuition Due: May 1st, 15th, 29th
- Teacher Appreciation Week: May 8th—12th
- Meet the Teacher: May 11th
- Muffins with Mom: May 12th
- Date Night: May 13th
- Pre-K Graduation Ceremony: May 26th
- Memorial Day: RHA CLOSED May 29th
- Summer Camp Starts: May 30th

JUNE 2023

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- Tuition Due: June 12th, 26th
- Date Night: June 10th
- Donuts with Dad: June 16th

JULY 2023

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- Tuition Due: July 10th, 24th
- Independence Day: RHA CLOSED July 4th
- Date Night: July 15th

AUGUST 2023

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- Tuition Due: August 7th, 21st
- Inservice Training: RHA CLOSED August 11th
- Date Night: August 19th

FOALS I

Ms. Renee
Ms. Paulina
Ms. Jessica
Ms. Kailey

Welcome to Summertime! We are looking forward to a world of fun, learning, and growing. Happy Birthday to all our summer babies.

Foals 1 babies will discover all the best parts about summer while their creative expressions and sensory development flourish with fun art activities making bright yellow suns with our hand prints, finger paint a watermelon, and a fish. Every day we work on language development, social development, physical development, and cognitive development. While most people think we are just playing, we are learning. Language skills are developed through reading and singing. Learning social skills includes responding to our smiles, laughter, and voices. Physical developmental skills grow when babies begin to push up when lying on their tummy, hold their head steady without support, roll over from tummy to back, begin to sit with support, rock back and forth, and sometimes crawl backward before moving forward. Cognitive development occurs in an infant when he/she focuses on moving objects, responding to his/her environment with facial expressions, recognizing and reacting to familiar sounds, and responding to the facial expressions of other people.

Babies get constant exercise by going through their regular, daily routine. Everyday each baby spends tummy time on the mat to strengthen back and leg muscles. During feeding time, we practice putting their hands on the bottle to eventually learn to self-feed. Once your child is 4 months old, he or she will get exercise time in

the exersaucers. You will see that hard work pays off as your baby builds muscle and becomes mobile.

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 any questions comments suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

Music to Babies Ears

Singing songs is so much fun, especially singing them to the infants.

We also like to sing in Spanish.

The excitement of their facial expression says it all, along with seeing them moving their hands and feet with joy. We sit with them on the mat and use our singing voices. Singing to your baby is great for his/her brain development. A fun activity we use in the classroom is playing with shakers. We will let the infants explore the different sounds depending on what is inside the shakers while we are singing our songs together.

We will also, use musical instruments like drums or tambourines to make great music together.

We talk about the different musical instruments letting the infants enjoy them. There is so much to do with music.



FOALS 2

Ms. Barbara
Ms. Emily
Ms. Brianna
Ms. Emma

Ready, set, dive into summer fun.

We are looking forward to a world of fun, learning, and growing these next few months in Foals 2. Summer will be in full swing with lots of different activities for your child. Ocean and Beach themes are part of the monthly themes. Rolling, throwing, chasing, and catching a beach ball will improve your baby's gross motor skills. (This will get those large muscles moving and will help your child gain strength and confidence in his/her own body.) "Sandcastle" blocks and stacking cups skills promote cognitive development; your baby will have to concentrate on carefully stacking them and then use problem-solving skills to work out how to build the stack without toppling it over. Sensory bottles filled with water or sand along with beach elements will nourish so-

cial and emotional development. We encourage you to make your own sensory bottles at home. (If you have older children, have them help make bottles for their younger siblings.)

Foals 2 babies will further enhance their language skills with an array of books, Spanish words and songs geared towards our monthly themes. ("Baby Loves Summer" and "Baby Beluga" are two books we will read.

Agua-Water and Playa-Beach are some Spanish words we will teach your child.)

Let's not forget about the creative expression and sensory development aspect of learning. Foals 2 babies will be exploring with fingerpaint and ink pads, making yellow suns, watermelons, and hot air balloons are just a few activities we have planned for Foals 2.

Don't forget the sunblock lotion (no sprays, please)! We will be sure to journey to the atrium, if we are able to, so that your child may have some fun in the sun. You apply in the morning, and we will gladly reapply in the afternoon. You must provide the sunscreen with a permission notice.

DIY SENSORY BOTTLE

Clean an empty plastic bottle (the heavier the better)

Fill it with about 1/3 full of water.

Add a few drops of food coloring.

Once the food coloring has spread throughout the bottle, fill the rest of the bottle with baby oil or cooking oil.

Secure the lid with hot glue or you may fill the empty bottle with dry goods (such as pom-poms, buttons, colored beans, etc...)

Finally, SHAKE SHAKE SHAKE!

Always remember, a child's work is play. (This is how they learn skills needed later on in life.

Communication is an essential part of any relationship, and as teachers, we want to have all aspects of communication open to our families. You may reach us in numerous ways: by calling RHA and asking for the Foals 2 Class, messages through the Pro Care App, or by email at:

foals2@rockinghorseacademy.com

COLTS

Ms. Katie
Ms. Aiden
Ms. Anna
Ms. Ava

Sweet Summertime!

The next several months will be busy ones for the Colts class! During the summer season, we review colors, shapes, and words in ASL, Spanish, and English. (i.e. Can you find the red ball? Where are the pink squares? ¿Dónde está el gato? Some of the signs are water, eat, and bubbles.) We reinforce these when we play with our blocks on the floor, do dramatic play, or throw the balls around the room. We sing songs using colors and numbers to help children learn.

We also understand that this may be a difficult age for you and your child, This is the age where a lot of rough behaviors occur; i.e biting, pulling hair, hitting, etc. Most of the time when biting occurs, it is done either because a child cannot vocalize his/her words or is suffering from teething pain; it may be his/her way of communicating. As part of the ongoing partnership between our families and RHA, we strive to help the children overcome this phase of their lives with plenty of positive reinforcement. Some ways to do so are role playing, offering an alternative activity, or gently reminding



them that teeth are not for biting people or animals; they are for eating food. Offering your child a cold cloth or a teething toy may also help ease the pain associated with teeth coming in.

The STEAM curriculum is such a big part of our lesson plans. We implement it in so many fun ways. Sorting toys teaches math skills, simple science projects can create interest and fascination, and outdoor play builds trust and relationships. It may just look like simple “play,” but it is a vital way for us to teach and for children to learn. The

Colts will be using our playground more often with warmer weather, and the STEAM program will be used so much in this area. Some examples are: counting steps, how high can you throw a ball?, and can you blow/catch bubbles?

There are several special days that are coming up, and our Colts will be making special art projects for these events that will be displayed on our bulletin boards

and around the room. Our Colts love to do art-work; this is a great way to introduce them to simple science and math concepts. (Example: What happens when we mix 2 spoons of yellow and 3 spoons of blue paint?) Playing is, of course, how children learn best!

REMINDERS

Please apply sunscreen to your little one in the morning. We will gladly re-apply the sunscreen in the afternoon. We also ask for no aerosol sunscreen containers in the school.

Our Colts love their water, so please bring a filled water bottle every day! We will refill bottles as often as needed. We also ask that you please take your child’s cup home daily so that it is cleaned and sanitized properly.

We ask that you make sure to label all of your child’s belongings with their first name and first initial of last name (we will be going through your child’s cubby to make sure that they have weather and size appropriate clothing). Lunch boxes and food containers must also be labeled and taken home daily.

Remember to label each diaper with your child’s initials. (Several of our little ones use the same brand as well as size.) As always, we will continue to use a lot of repetition with our Colts. This is the best way that children learn the skills that are needed in life. Remember that we are here for both you and your child! We may be reached in several ways: our class email, through the Procure app, or call anytime!

PONIES

Ms. Allison
Ms. Stephanie
Ms. Shalondra
Ms. Alex

The Pony class is very excited to see that summer has arrived!

We are thrilled to continue to learn and grow together. Families, just a few reminders to kick off the new season. As the weather warms up please check your Pony's cubby to make sure he/she has cool attire for summer. Keeping your little one hydrated is extremely important to us, so please be sure to bring a labeled water bottle for your child each day. We also ask that all items brought into the school are labeled, including lunch boxes, diapers, nap items and clothes. Finally, with hot sunny days, we ask that you bring sunscreen for reapplication before outside time in the afternoon. Please remember to apply some in the morning before coming to school as well.

The Ponies will be continuing our STEAM concept in our classroom with a focus in art and math over the upcoming months. We will work on color recognition when doing projects such as mixing and creating our own paints. Incorporating everyday objects into our daily routine is our favorite way to learn, such as counting our books, steps, blocks and even our friends as we walk through the halls together. We will be working on a special classroom garden where the students will be able to mix, plant and water their very own flowers. As a class we will observe and talk about the changes in our garden as plants begin to blossom and flourish.



Together we will be exploring our five senses in new and exciting ways everyday. Our favorite way to explore the world around us is our sensory manipulatives we use in the class. We will often play with shaving cream, water tables, chalk and so much more. With hot summer days approaching, we will begin to play with water outside and cooling objects inside. Talking about and touching different textures and objects to further our sensory exploration is our Pony's favorite way to spark some interest and stimulate imagination.

We are excited about all the upcoming fun we will have together in the Pony classroom this summer! Helping your little one grow and learn everyday is such a joy. Please feel free to reach out to us through Procure or even give us a call if you have any questions. We hope you have a wonderful and cool summer!

CHARGERS I

Ms. Paris

Ms. Zoe

Welcome to SUMMER Chargers !!

We are so excited to have you in our classroom and are thrilled to help you learn and grow. In this classroom our focus of learning will be shapes, colors, letters, numbers, and emotions through fun activities and games.

During this time we will be doing lots of "Summer Fun" activities.

These activities will be full of learning about the beach, ocean, and all the great things we can find there! Fast forwarding to August, we will learn about all different types of animals whether they live on the farm, in your house or prehistorically!

We believe it is important to incorporate STEAM throughout the classroom every single day. For these following months, our science focus will be on what technology is and how it was invented. With us jumping into summer we will be exploring math



by counting things such as seashells and ocean animals. We will complete a large variety of art activities such as creating our own outer space to decorate our classroom. We are also going to make our own edible beach sensory bucket. In addition to all these great STEAM projects, we will be doing activities that relate to diversity, Spanish, sign language, and emotions.

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Please remember to label ALL of your child's belongings: clothes, pull-ups, 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, and make sure to check cubbies for art and other items.

POTTY TALK

This is the exciting age of potty training. In this classroom we encourage all children to get familiar with the potty area. To help with this process, we recommend bringing your child in pull-ups (or underwear) rather than diapers to make it easier for them to learn self-skills such as pulling up and down their pants. Avoiding tight fitting clothing can help with this as well. We want to help you and your child with this huge and sometimes messy step in their life. Being consistent at home and school and having communication with you (the parents) is key. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make this a much easier process for you.



CHARGERS 2

Ms. Chelsi
Ms. Marissa
Ms. Carol

May the warm weather make way for fun! The cold is finally sailing away. Chargers 2 can't wait for all of the activities that summer brings. We will continue to learn our ABC's, 123's, colors, and shapes together. Flash cards and our circle time felt board are used daily to help your child learn his/her basics. To help focus our attention, we love to sing "Jump Up and Down", and "We're So Glad You're Here Today"!

We continue full STEAM ahead with concepts that involve science, technology, engineering, art and math in Chargers 2! One example of what we do daily is art work with our number or letter of the week. Students may use a number cut-out of our weekly number to trace, or an activity that involves your child counting to our number of the week. You may have noticed your child counting on his/her fingers and patting his/her legs while singing his/her ABC's. This is how our circle time goes, and the children enjoy it so much with the extra movement.

We plan to use our engineering and technology skills to make our own maps in the coming months. This is always so much fun, as we let the children "go free" with their maps. Your child will be asked where he/she would like to go, then we will draw our map out in the way your child explains. When this is all finished, we will show our maps to the class, grab some cars, and travel down our maps. This also allows your child to use his/her creativity. This will be such a fun classroom activity.

With summer quickly approaching, this means we get to dive right into ocean and pond life. Our friends love water-themed activities, so be on the lookout for some water-day notes! We will have hands-on learning about our ocean theme, including building coral reefs with Play-doh, sand and sea squish bags and exploring sea shells together. And, of course, be looking for beautiful artwork to go along with our ocean themes. For pond life we will make Lily Pads, cat tails, and learn about algae that grows and what it feels like. This will be another sensory-themed learning experience.

POTTY TRAINING!

As you know, we continue to work on potty training. Some may be ready, some may not be, and that is okay! We don't want to force this on your child but want him/her to be aware. If your child is already familiar and going at home, please let us know so we can continue at school, and vice versa. We cheer on each child the same! Accidents do and will happen, and we use positive reinforcement during an accident. We do not want to scare our Chargers or make them feel disciplined for an accident.. We allow 2 accidents in underwear, then we switch back to a pullup for the rest of that day. Please bring several bottoms as backup.

REMINDERS

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before arriving at school; we will reapply sunscreen before going outside in the afternoon. If your child needs a hat, please feel free to send it so your child can wear it outside. Always send your child to school with a fresh water bottle. Label, label, label! Frequently, we have multiple students with the same belongings; this is why it is important to have every item of your child's with a label. Thank you for your cooperation. As always, please contact Myself (Ms. Chelsi), or Ms.Marissa for any questions or concerns. Our best conference time is 12:00-2:00.

PINTOS

Ms. Monette
Ms. Alycia
Ms. Lauren

The birds are singing, the sky is bright,
the sun is shining, it's springtime!

We will have some fun and exciting things going on in our Pinto classroom.

We will continue using circle time to review our color, shape, number, and letter of the week. Our Pintos love our new Alphabet Soup Cans to go over our letter of the week. The anticipation of what's in the can is so much fun. Our Buzzy Bee puppet is still a big hit and loves to visit during circle time for some songs and finger plays such as *Bumble Bee* and *In the Middle*.

Our STEAM concepts of science, technology, engineering, art, and math are used daily but a big focus on Science and art will come to play when we work on conducting hypotheses and inventions. We will use everyday items in our classroom to do projects/predictions such as "sink or float", and making "magic milk" to see a chemical reaction.

Before you know it, summer will be here, and we will get to dive into ocean life. Our science center will come alive with some real starfish and a living fish may make an appearance as well, along with some beautiful seashells that we will take a closer look at using our magnifying glasses.

With the weather warming up, we will be spending more time outside in our learning garden. It's amazing to see the tiny seeds we plant turn into plants and begin to produce vegetables. The best part is getting to eat the vegetables!



REMINDERS

Please remember to label everything, including your child's bedding and apply sunscreen in the morning. We will use the sunscreen you supply in the afternoons before going outside. (No aerosol please.) Please send your child with a labeled water bottle each day (water only). We recommend adding ice to keep it cooler. As always, we are here for any questions or concerns you may have. You may call during nap time (12:30-2:00), leave a Pro-care message, or email us at Pintos@rockinghorseacademy.com

POTTY TALK

Potty training is an on-going experience in the Pinto room, so it is important to keep 3 sets of clothes and even a pair of shoes in your child's cubby. Plastic bags are our best friends, so please feel free to bring in any extra you have. Remember when dressing your Pinto to make sure he/she is wearing clothes that allow him/her to easily pull down to go potty and pull up as well.

WRANGLERS

Ms. Brittany
Ms. Sydney
Ms. Stephanie

What a year this has been! I want to start by saying thank you to all our Wrangler families during all the staff changes. I am so grateful to have such amazing families supporting us. I cannot believe how fast this year has flown by. May is here, but the fun hasn't ended...yet! We have more exciting learning themes, and a few more celebrations before we say goodbye to our current Mighty Wranglers as they get ready to transition into Broncos and Trotters.

We will kick May off with learning themes of transportation and maps; we will sort our transportation center toys by land, air and water to discuss the different ways we can travel. We will have a "car wash" activity where we put cars in shaving cream, and the students will "wash" the cars. As we wrap up transportation and maps, we will set all our chairs up around the classroom to make a train and discuss all the places we can visit on our "train ride". We end May with the learning themes of inventions and technology. We will turn our art center into an inventions center for our Wranglers to use their imagination and create their own inventions, talk about famous inventors along with their inventions, and compare inventions from the past to our current time. We will also do the Potato Light Bulb Experiment which shows how our electrical currents work.

Before you know it, June will be here! As we welcome our new Wranglers, we also welcome summer. We will discuss all the topics of summer fun, but first we prepare ourselves to beat the heat with a lesson on sun safety. We will do an experiment with sunscreen by applying it to one half of a colored paper and leaving the other half untreated and left out in

the sun, this will give our Wranglers a visible example of the power of the sun. We will also go camping in class and even make s'mores!

July brings us even more summer fun with the 4th of July and our learning themes of American History and Space. We will talk about the holiday and

why we celebrate it during circle time. We will also do a science experiment of fireworks in a glass, and travel into space by talking about Niel Armstrong; the first person to walk on the moon. To conclude our summer fun topics, we will celebrate with an ice cream party equipped with sprinkles, fruits, and yummy syrups.

As we roll into August, summer comes to an end, but the fun doesn't, we will discuss the topics of safari and jungle animals, pets, and dinosaurs. We will sort the animals we have in our centers into safari animals and jungle animals, we will do a class survey of their pets and their pet names, and dinosaur shadow drawing with sidewalk chalk.

In closing, continue to help our Wranglers to become more independent to be ready for their transition into Broncos and Trotters, remind them of their manners and to use them at home as well as school, and always encourage them to do their best. We cannot wait to meet our new Wranglers, and to have another great school year!



MUSTANGS

Ms. Loretta

Ms. Jessie

Ms. Athena

Spring is here and Summer is near, and our Mustangs will soon be transitioning into their pre-school classes. The last three months have raced by, and we are so proud of the progress Mustangs have made...but wait...we have the entire month of May filled with exciting lessons, experiments and activities before we say goodbye. One of our main goals in the Mustang classroom will be continuing to prepare your child for the Pre-K class. We will be improving your child's ability to recognize the letters in their name and be able to write it. We will boost their fine motor skills by including lessons that include using scissors and pencils.

Also, we will encourage students to be more independent while going potty, properly washing their hands, and putting on their clothes.

May will be filled with celebrations and fun! Mustangs will share with us about what their mom's favorite things are; it is always great to hear what the kids have to say about their moms. They will have fun creating a beautiful keepsake to take home for Mother's Day.

Beginning in May, our themes include transportation. We will count and sort all the vehicle toys in the classroom and talk about the different purposes of each type of vehicle. Then, for added fun, we will create a car wash assembly line using shaving cream and plastic tubs of water. Our vehicles will get washed, dried and "parked" away. Next comes technology and inventions. We will discuss and learn about famous inventors and give our students the opportunity to be inventors. Pipe cleaners, small boxes, glue, scissors, and other "building" materials will be used by students to create their own inventions and talk about them during "Show and Share".

We will learn the Pledge of Allegiance and lead the guests at the Pre-K graduation.

June is an exciting time for the Pintos as they will now become Wranglers and Mustangs. We will be welcoming them to some fun summer themes including ocean/beach life, summer fun, and camping!

We'll start off the month with a discussion about staying safe in the sun and the importance of using sunscreen. Mustangs will experiment with sunscreen on construction paper and guess what will happen after leaving the paper out in the sun. We will turn our sensory table into an ocean beach and explore seashells using a magnifying glass and feel the texture of sand. Next, we will explore books about state parks in Texas and other exciting places like the Grand Canyon and Yellowstone National Park. No lesson about camping would be complete without making s'mores. Yes, we will make and eat our s'mores and ask students to share about their summer vacations.



July will begin with learning about American History and Space. Mustangs will learn about Neil Armstrong, the first person to walk on the moon. We will paint and decorate old tissue boxes and create exciting rocket ships. Students will learn about the planets. They will work as a team to create and paint the planets and make a display for the classroom as we learn about the planets each day.

Mustang families, please know that we are here to help and encourage you to contact us about any concerns, questions or comments you may have regarding the coming new year.

Thank You!

The Mustangs' teachers would like to thank families for their support and encouragement. We certainly appreciate your involvement and have genuinely enjoyed spending each day with your children and watching them learn and grow.

TROTTERS

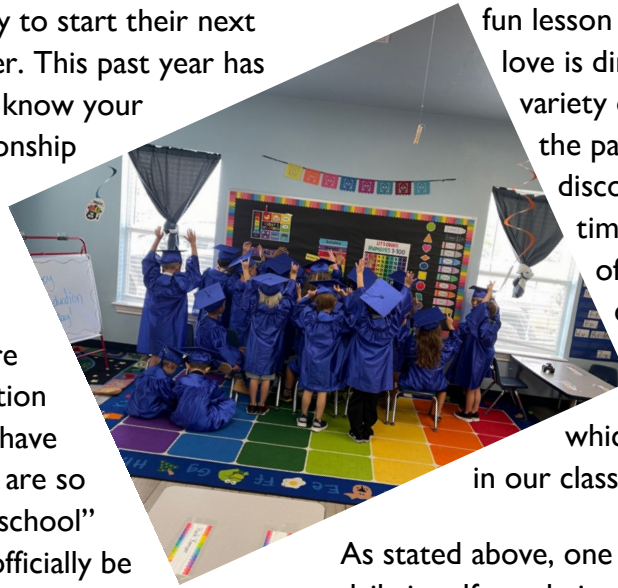
Ms. Tina
Ms. Norma

Hello Trotter families!

I can't believe this school year has come to an end, and your children are ready to start their next chapter in their academic career. This past year has been such a blessing getting to know your sweet babies and grow a relationship with them as well as with your family. We Trotter teachers would like to thank you so much for trusting us to be a part of your village. We are also looking forward to graduation so you can finally see what we have been working on. The children are so excited to head off to "big kid school" and come May 30th, they will officially be Corral Kids!

At the end of May, we will welcome the new Pre-K class and we cannot wait! We are ready to educate and get your sweet babies ready for kindergarten. Some of the things we will focus on first will be learning how to follow classroom rules, understanding expectations, respect for others and most importantly, self-regulation. We, as Trotters teachers, believe that this is the recipe for a well-run classroom.

In June we will learn about the beach, ocean, and camping. One of the fun activities I always like to show the children is making s'mores during our camping week.



We learn how to make s'mores outside by using only a cardboard box, foil and the ingredients for our yummy snack, and of course, the sun. Another fun lesson that I'm sure the children will love is dinosaur week. We discuss a variety of dinosaurs and learn about the paleontologists and how they discover the fossils. During this time, we also learn the concept of graphing. We will ask the class which dinosaur is their favorite and learn how to graph and count to see which dinosaur is the most liked in our class.

As stated above, one of the skills we will practice daily is self-regulation. Self-regulation is the ability to calm yourself down when you are upset, handle frustrations, and learn to be patient and listen to others. Some ways we will teach this is simply by talking to the children and modeling it throughout the day. Not all strategies work for everyone so once we get to know your child, we will be able to see how he/she can learn to self-regulate if needed.

During the summer, we will review the alphabet, numbers, and colors. Once the new school year starts in August, we will start our Big Day curriculum. We focus a lot on cognitive skills as well as writing, compound words and some math. Once again, we are excited to send our kids off to kindergarten to start this next chapter and gain the new class so

BRONCOS

Ms. Miriam
Ms. Megan
Ms. Grace

Hello Bronco Families!

With the end of the school year approaching, I just want to begin by saying that the Bronco class has come a long way since their start last summer. It is truly an honor to watch these amazing children grow in just one year into such inquisitive children and to be able to work in their preparation for kindergarten. I would like to thank all the families for all the work they have put into making sure this has been their best year yet.

Graduation month has finally arrived, and we are excited to show you what your children have worked so hard to showcase for you on this momentous day. We have a couple of events planned to celebrate our hard-working Broncos in the weeks following our Pre-K Graduation. We will go on an End-of-the Year trip to the SA Zoo, a much-anticipated trip and have an End-of-The-Year celebration. It is with mixed joy and sadness as our 2023 Broncos leave us for kindergarten, but we know that they will do great. The Bronco teachers will be looking forward to welcoming a new group of Broncos, the class of 2024. We are excited to meet and get to know these new students and their families in June. Once they are settled in and know each other, we will begin working towards understanding classroom rules and routines. Throughout the year we will also work on social skills,



manners, problem solving and learning to work both independently and in groups.

Broncos will be starting the Big Day Scholastic Pre-K Curriculum at the beginning of the year in August, we don't take summers off from school; learning must be a part of every day! This summer we will grab our backpack and maps and become Explorers! Our lesson plans will take us through many different adventures starting with exploring different types of animals from the jungle to under the sea. A fun activity we will be doing is the saltwater experiment. We will add some salt and water, baking soda with water and regular water to cups. We will

then see in which cups small objects sink or float. The children will learn that salt water is more dense than normal water, so things float in salt water.

Another fun summer activity is to go camping, so we will have a "camp-out" in the classroom and eat S'mores, as we learn about camping and camping safety. We will go on scavenger hunts and use the binoculars we made to look up at the stars.



Looking up at the stars will then lead us to my favorite adventure of all, our planet! We will not only learn about the different planets that make up our solar system, but we will also work together as a class to make our own solar system display. One of the fun activities we will do is make our own moon rocks. It is very hands-on, and the children will practice fine motor skills by rolling the materials into a ball and then using a dropper to drop vinegar onto their moon rock creating creators. Once we roll into August, children will get into gear and begin our journey into the school year, where we will then start our fall curriculum which will include STEAM activities and kindergarten.

REMINDERS

Families please don't forget we live in the great state of Texas, and the sun will be shining well into the school year. Please allow extra time to pack a water bottle every day and apply sunscreen before leaving home. We play outside twice a day, so please bring a bottle of sunscreen to keep in the classroom (NO SPRAY ALLOWED) make sure your child's personal belongings are labelled with his/her name. Main forms of communication are phone calls and ProCare. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please, feel free to contact me. I look forward to the upcoming months.

CORRAL KIDS

Summer Camp is right around the corner, and we can't wait to spend it with you.

This summer Corral Kids will enjoy weekly swim days, field trips, special guest performers, science, art and sooo much more!!! To help both our Parents and Campers be prepared for a SUMMER of fun, we have highlighted several things in this newsletter to help things run smoothly! Of course, please don't ever hesitate to ask any of the Corral Kids staff questions...we are here to help!

SUMMER CAMP IN A NUTSHELL

Morning Drop Off - Your child may be dropped off in the morning as early as 6:30a.m.

Lunch & Snacks - Snacks will be provided for each student every morning and afternoon. A counselor will approach you each morning to ask whether your camper will be bringing lunch or purchasing an RHA lunch.

WATER BOTTLES!!!! - Water bottles must be taken home, washed, and refilled daily!

Appropriate Attire - Flip flops are not allowed at RHA. We ask for all the children to come to camp in tennis shoes for comfort and safety. Campers will also wear their "Corral Kids" shirt for field trips and swim days.

Items Brought From Home - TOYS, STUFFED ANIMALS, ELECTRONICS, CELL PHONES, ETC. ARE NOT ALLOWED AT RHA. If any of these items are found at Rocking Horse Academy, they will be kept in Ms. Kira's office until the end of the day.

Please be sure to label everything your child brings to RHA!!!

Rest Time and Fun Friday - Every day the children will have rest time after lunch. This is not nap time. Rest time is provided in order to allow the campers a little down time to relax after lunch and reenergize for the afternoon activities. Every Friday we will have a Fun Friday. Students will watch movies.

SWIMMING

Our Corral Kid Swim days are Thursday and Friday each week from 1:30pm- 3:30pm at the Rio Vista pool. Thursday swim days are designated for Kinder and 1st grades. Friday swim days will be designated for 2nd -5th graders.

2nd - 5th Grade Campers - On your child's first visit to the pool the City of San Marcos lifeguards will have each child participate in a swim test in order to determine his/ her water proficiency. If your child passes, he/she will receive a wristband allowing him/her to participate in deep-end activities. Each week your child will be required to check in with the lifeguard staff to obtain a new wristband.

Kindergarten- 1st grade Campers - Each child will be required to wear a life vest either brought from home or borrowed from the pool. If you and your child feel comfortable as a swimmer attempting the required test, we will be sure to have the lifeguards administer the swim test.

Don't Forget Your Pool Essentials

COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE VEST (Campers or those who are unable to pass the swim test)

TOWEL

SWIMSUIT

CORRAL KIDS T-SHIRT

FLIP FLOPS (may be worn at pool ONLY)

SUNSCREEN (please bring your bottle labeled—no sprays please)

GOGGLES (optional)

*Hint: We suggest having your child already dressed in their swimsuit underneath their clothes and CK T-shirt when they attend camp on their swim days. This way they can simply bring a fresh change of clothing and underwear when they return from the swimming pool. A plastic bag is also handy for storing wet items. *

Field Trips

All groups will be attending field trips this summer. Kinder and 1st grade will attend field trips on Tuesday's, while 2nd- 5th grade campers will be attending on Wednesday's. Corral Kids morning staff will present each parent with a permission slip on Monday mornings. If a sack lunch is needed, or specific clothing will be required, a counselor will inform you as well as reminders will be posted on the gym doors and sent via ProCare.

WOW! What a summer to be had!!! You won't want to miss anything!