



Rocking Horse Review

Back-to-School Issue
September - December 2023

SUPER NEWS, IT'S BACK-TO-SCHOOL!

New adventures await as we look forward to the final months of 2023. There is so much

learning and fun yet to come. We are so proud of our teachers' enthusiasm for education and fun!

In October we will welcome back 512 Portrait Company. Mr. Traye does a great job of capturing all of our RHA students' radiant smiles. We are looking forward to our Annual Food Drive and Pumpkin Decorating Contest to close out October. It's one of our favorite ways to give back to the community and your response and donations never cease to amaze us. We are already full of anticipation for our annual Family Feast in November. Sign-up forms will be posted on classroom doors. Please make time to join us at one of our most loved events of the year. As a reminder for our Corral Kid families - Hays CISD is typically closed for the entire week of Thanksgiving. Our Corral Kids' program is available that week from Monday – Wednesday. Be sure to sign-up with Ms. Kira for the added care if you need it.

December is such a busy month for us. Holiday adventures and the season of giving go hand in hand during our annual toy drive. We also have *Shop 'Til You Drop* so you are free to shop, wrap, have a date, whatever you need, and we will take loving care of your child(ren). And remember we will close December 25th-27th and January 1st to give our staff a little holiday break to be with their families. Please check the following page for Important Dates so you can be sure to join in on the fun.



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Important Dates



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Tuition Due: September 4th, 18th

Supply Fees Due: September 4th

Date Night: September 16th

RHA Closed: September 4th



Tuition Due: October 2nd, 16th, 30th
 512 Portraits: October 3rd - 5th
 RHA Closed: October 9th
 Date Night: October 14th
 Food Drive & Contest: October 23rd - 27th
 Costume Parade: October 31st

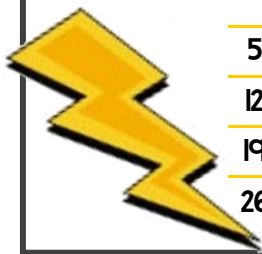
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Tuition Due: November 13th, 27th

Pajama Day: November 1st

Family Feast: November 17th

RHA Closed: November 23rd, 24th

Date Night: November 11th



DECEMBER 2023

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Tuition Due: December 11th, 25th

Toy Drive: December 4th - 8th


Shop Til' You Drop: December 9th

RHA Closed: December 25th, 26th, 27th



Foals 1

Ms. Renee ⚡ Ms. Paulina ⚡ Ms. Tasha



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 exciting challenges. 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 fun, family collage. Tummy time strengthens your baby's back and neck while lifting his/her head, legs, and arms. It is the pre-step to crawling. Soon you may notice his/her arms straightening and elbows lifting briefly off the floor, preparing the muscles to carry weight in crawling. Crawling is an important motor milestone because it requires alternating movements of both sides of the body.

Babies have fun learning through sensory balls. They will get to feel the different shapes, siz-

es, and colors of the balls. We can play catch the balls, hide them, and stack them just to watch them tumble down. Just seeing the excitement of the babies as they move their hands and feet is so worth it. Another important developmental activity that we enjoy is mirror play. Mirrors are a wonderful learning tool used to encourage exploration in their development. Infants love looking at their reflection. They try to touch the baby in the mirror or smile at his/her. We explain to them who they are seeing, and they learn so much from making facial expressions, seeing their reaction, and building on language development.

As we end the year with the holiday, 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 any questions, comments, suggestions, or concerns, please contact us.



Foals 2

Ms. Emily ⚡ Ms. Sydney ⚡ Ms. Dyanna ⚡ Ms. Abigail

Meanwhile in Foals 2...

Goodbye summer, hello fall! Learning never ends in Foals 2. 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. With all the adventures we have in Foals 2, we are also always making sure to use our senses to help with our development. We introduce sensory experiences daily; this includes our foods, our artwork, our environment with noise and music.

One of our favorite activities in Foals 2 that encourages use of our senses is playing with sensory boards, sensory bottles, and our learning sensory books. Did you know your baby is learning SCIENCE through sensory play? Investigating how these boards feel and look is science. Learning to touch the fluffy textures because they feel soft and avoid the rough textures because they are pokey is your baby's way of investigating and analyzing the world around him/

her. This activity also carries over into our mealtimes. Squishing pasta and fruits in their hands or crumbling up crackers is all part of sensory development and teaches your baby about cause and effect. As you can see, the learning and fun does not stop in Foals 2.



REMINDERS

As the fall weather approaches, here are a few reminders. Please make sure your child has weather-appropriate, back-up clothes, as well as making sure everything is labeled. Cups, clothes, and diapers all need to be labeled. Diapers especially need to be labeled with your child's initials as we do have some students with the same diapers.



TRANSITIONS

Transition time can be a challenging period for both baby and you; however, as teachers we strive to make this experience as effortless as possible. Whether your baby is just starting out in Foals 2 or progressing to Colts, familiarity is an important tool we use to make your baby feel safe and secure. Children have a lot to get used to in their new room. Just a new environment alone is a lot to take in, as well as new friends to meet. Transitions at this age are incredibly unique to each baby. There is no set schedule for when they will start accomplishing many of the developmental milestones preparing them for their next class. At RHA each class is catered to enhance a child's development, and I assure you, making certain each child is ready and will benefit from their transition is our utmost priority.



COMMUNICATION!

Communication is vital in any relationship, and as teachers we would like to make sure we have all the communication open to you pertaining to your child. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, or comments by calling Rocking Horse Academy directly, or emailing us at foals2@rockinghorseacademy.com, or message us through ProCare, and we are always available at drop-off and pick-up to discuss any matters you may need to address. We are so grateful to have you and your child as part of our class and look forward to more learning and growing in Foals 2.



Colts

Ms. Kaleigh ⚡ Ms. Ava ⚡ Ms. Lindsay ⚡ Ms. Emma

FOCUS ON LEARNING

Happy Fall Colts parents! Can you believe that September is already here!? We have a lot of fun events that will be happening in the upcoming months, such as a costume parade for Halloween, a Halloween class party, a Thanksgiving class party, and a Winter class party in December. Please keep an eye out for a sign up sheet on our door for party treats for these events if you would like to participate.

In the next several months we will be keeping busy by learning about holiday traditions, weather, and doing lots of Fall/Holiday art, and sensory projects (such as painting with leaves, hand print ghosts, thumbprint pumpkins, and foot print missile "toes"). We will also be incorporating new ASL signs (i.e. diaper, yes, no, milk) and will continue to use the basic ASL signs we already know. We also will be continuing to name our shapes and colors in Spanish. In our classroom we believe that the STEAM curriculum is a major part of our daily lessons. We do this in a variety of ways (i.e. sorting toys by size, counting blocks, etc....): flash cards (colors, and shapes), music and circle/story time.

We are constantly talking with our class and asking questions (Can you show me where your nose is? How many legs does the animal have?)

We will implement the STEAM curriculum in the upcoming months by sorting pumpkins/leaves by size, feeling pumpkin guts in a ziplock bag, and listening to fun fall/holiday music just to name a few.

This is a difficult age for your child. At this age a lot of rough behaviors occur, (i.e.. biting, pulling hair, hitting, pushing, 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. We strive to help the children overcome this phase of their lives by encouraging positive reinforcement. Some ways to do so are role playing, offering an alternative activity, or gently reminding him/her that our teeth are for eating food.

This is also the age where he/she starts to test boundaries, and "NO" starts to become his/her favorite word. We start to focus on self-help skills (i.e., feeding himself/herself with a spoon or fork, washing hands with help, putting on shoes, taking off jackets, etc....) One thing that we start focusing on is simple 2-3 steps directions. The main one involves diaper changing. We always explain to the children what we are doing. First we need to take off your old diaper and put a new one on. Second, when we are done, we pull up our pants. Last, we wash our hands, you would be amazed at how quickly the children latch onto new information.



Please remember...


to label all clothing with your child's name. We have numerous children that have the same brand and size of diapers; so, please be sure and label your child's diapers with his/her initials. Our Colts love their water, so please make sure to bring in a filled and labeled water bottle, and we will gladly refill bottles as needed.

We are here to help your child and you through these developmental years. If you have question, comments, or concerns, please don't hesitate to let us know. You may reach us in numerous ways: by calling RHA and asking for the Colts room, or through the Pro Care app. Ms. Kaleigh is VERY BIG on communication, and truly understands the importance of having that open communication with all parents.

Ponies

Ms. Allison ⚡ Ms. Shalondra ⚡ Ms. Alex ⚡ Ms. Raine

MEANWHILE IN PONIES...



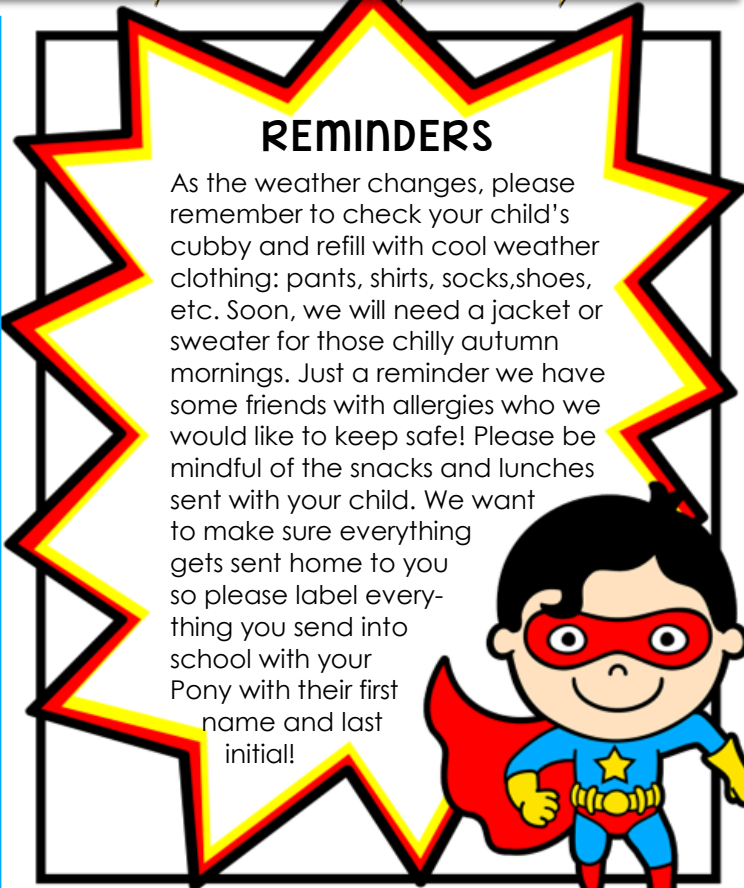
Hello Pony Parents! Fall is just around the corner, and we can't wait! We are so excited for the changing of seasons and the cooler weather that is upon us. In the next few months, we will be preparing to celebrate all the fun holidays the coming months bring. This fall the Ponies will even get to decorate the lobby and fill our lobby with their very own artwork! There is a lot to learn and do as we dive into the busiest and most fun-filled time of the year.

As the Ponies continue to expand their fine and gross motor skills through song, dance and art. We will work on our speech with seasonal songs, dances, and books during circle time. Introducing new ASL signs, flashcards, and words daily will further our vocabulary. All our children learn at different speeds, and the learning of speech is integrated into every aspect of our daily routine. We will bring the fun of the classroom outside and focus largely on the changing of the seasons. What do we see? What do we feel? What do we hear? Focusing on our five senses through sensory play and exciting fall science experiments will help us to understand and learn more about ourselves and the world around us.

As always, arts and crafts is our favorite way to express ourselves and master new skills every day. Coming up in the next few months, we will talk about our homes and families often. In November we will use the Thanksgiving Feast to bring



REMINDERS



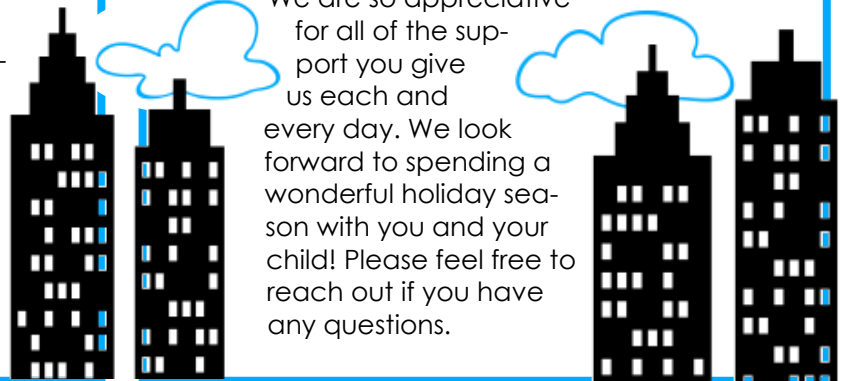
As the weather changes, please remember to check your child's cubby and refill with cool weather clothing: pants, shirts, socks, shoes, etc. Soon, we will need a jacket or sweater for those chilly autumn mornings. Just a reminder we have some friends with allergies who we would like to keep safe! Please be mindful of the snacks and lunches sent with your child. We want to make sure everything gets sent home to you so please label everything you send into school with your Pony with their first name and last initial!



together the themes of family and friendship as our Rocking Horse community gathers together to celebrate each other. We hope to see you there!

Thank you so much to all of the Pony families!

We are so appreciative for all of the support you give us each and every day. We look forward to spending a wonderful holiday season with you and your child! Please feel free to reach out if you have any questions.



Chargers 1

Ms. Paris ⚡ Ms. Alyssa ⚡ Ms. Karli

WELCOME TO CHARGERS 1

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

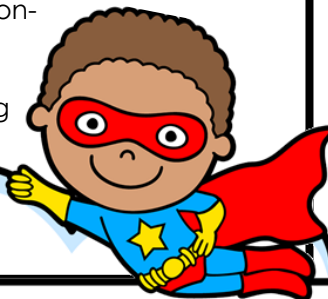
During this time, we will be doing lots of "fall and holiday" activities. These activities will be full of learning about the weather, Traditions, and all the special experiences we can have together. Fast forwarding to December, we will learn about all different types of holidays and cultures around the world. We want our children to learn that the world is home to different cultures and customs.

We believe it is important to incorporate STEAM throughout the classroom every single day. For these following months, our science focus will be on hygiene (learning about germs and how they are spread) and weather, such as how rain is made and how temperatures change throughout the year. With us jumping into Fall and Winter, we will explore math by counting things such as leaves and holiday foods. We will complete a variety of art activities including creating our own holiday decorations like ornaments and a tree to display in the classroom. We are also going to make our own garden salad to explore our senses. The children will feel the spinach and lettuce and taste the end result! In addition to all these great STEAM projects, we will be doing activities that relate to diversity, Spanish, sign language, and emotions. One thing we do to include our parents into our room is a weekly "story time". Each Friday we invite the parents or family members of the student to sign up and read a story to the classroom during morning snack. We pride ourselves in Chargers 1 on making you and your child feel welcome and safe in the classroom.



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 his or her 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.



REMINDERS...

Please remember to label ALL 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 your child's belongings in on Fridays, and make sure to check cubbies for art and other items.

Chargers 2

Ms. Chelsi ⚡ Ms. Marissa ⚡ Ms. Carol

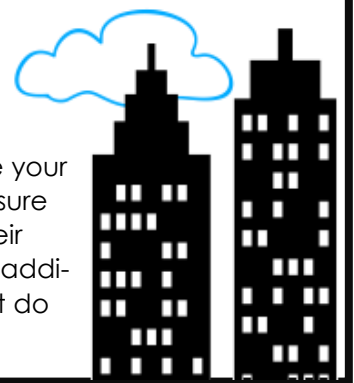
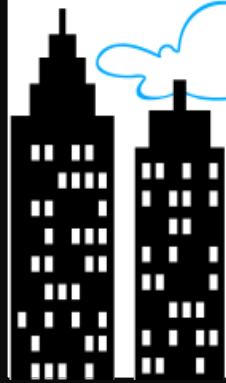
MEANWHILE IN CHARGERS 2...

So long, summer, we hope! 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, colors and learning 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 during 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, which goes in hand with our 'five senses'. 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 (we would love help with donations to do so). 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.



REMINDERS...

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, no additives. Thank you so much for a wonderful class! We couldn't do this without you awesome families.



Pintos

Ms. Monette ⚡ Ms. Alycia ⚡ Ms. Alexis

BACK-TO-SCHOOL MODE ACTIVATED

Goodbye summer, hello fall! We are moving into the time of year that gets us back into school mode and brushing up on our language, math, and science skills. We will incorporate this through small and large group lessons, hands - on activities and circle time. One of our themes which is "My School" will get us back into the groove and excited to experience new and exciting activities, such as learning how to spell and trace our names, identifying numbers 1 through 30, holding a writing utensil and scissors correctly, and learning sign language and everyday words we use in Spanish. We will also work on being kind to our friends and following simple rules, transitioning to new activities, and respecting the toys and materials in our classroom.

In the coming months, we will learn about a variety of subjects such as fire safety, stranger danger, the season fall and holiday traditions. 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 for us to learn and review. We will also be doing super fun science/sensory activities such as carving a pumpkin to see the insides and using a magnifying glass to look at the seeds. 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. Students will also learn about fire safety. This topic is very important because knowing the characteristics of fire will help children identify its dangers while discouraging them from playing with fire. We will talk about what firefighters do to stop the fire as well as the components of fire alarms.



REMINDERS...

Please remember to label everything, including your child's bedding and apply sunscreen in the morning. We will use the sunscreen RHA supplies in the afternoons before going outside. (No aerosol) 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.



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. Hannah ⚡ Ms. Sienna



Wow! Summer came and went, but we are excited to start the new school year! We look forward to our year together as we prepare our students for Pre-K next summer. We have so much planned for this school year. We are teaching them to be more independent by asking them to put toys away in their correct places after they use them, encouraging them to use the potty on their own and asking for help once they are done, and giving them classroom jobs.



FOCUS ON LEARNING

To kick off the start of the school year we will focus on Back-To-School. As we welcome our new students, we will talk about ourselves: learning about school, our classroom, and our friends. When we learn about ourselves, it is also important to incorporate how we interact with each other which will bring us to our theme on Manners. We will talk about why manners are important, but most of all kind! Each of these units will focus on the importance of social and emotional development. Getting along with their peers and regulating moods/emotions is a great way to prepare for kindergarten.

Moving on from the classroom, we will learn about Fire Safety, Stranger Danger, and Community Helpers. Every month RHA practices a fire drill, but we will extend this unit by also learning how to dial 9-1-1 when we have an emergency and learning about stop, drop, and roll. Stranger Danger is another part of our safety unit, this gives us a chance to learn how to be safe if a stranger approaches us. We will discuss what do to, who to tell, and figure out who a "safe stranger" versus a stranger. A stranger is someone we absolutely do not know, but a "safe stranger" is a teacher, doctor, or police. 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. Have them



tell you their job and why it's important to our community. 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 if they were to ever occur.

Many holidays are coming up, and we love any reason to celebrate! We will bring in fall by hollowing out a pumpkin and turning it into a volcano. As we transition into cooler weather, we will discuss seasons, and holidays traditions for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will learn about delicious foods we eat during the holidays, and share family traditions that are special to each of us. Start gathering your favorite holiday recipes and traditions for your child to share with the class! We will also look at other traditions around the world to learn about diversity. For science, we will make fake snow for our science center and melt an ice cube with salt.

While we have so many fun themes and holidays coming up, we will also still be learning our colors, shapes, letters, letter sounds, numbers, days of the week, and the months of the year. We will introduce scissors and slowly start doing scissor work by first just cutting up some scrap paper that we recycle to use for future crafts and work our way up to cutting exercise worksheets.



Mustangs

Ms. Loretta ⚡ Ms. Jessie ⚡ Ms. Athena

Galloping Into the School Year

Summer break is coming to an end, and we are quickly approaching the new school year which means it's time to focus on the fun learning adventures ahead. We will kick off the school year by talking about being back at school, our friends, manners, and various classroom routines.

One of our main goals in the Mustang classroom will be getting your child ready for his/her transition into Pre-K. Our children will be encouraged to be more independent by going potty and using proper handwashing skills, putting on clothes and working zippers. We will be helping them to recognize their emotions and to use their words to communicate those feelings and their wants.

Every day will include a review of colors, numbers, shapes, and the alphabet. We will play color recognition games such as find and sort shapes and colors. Science experiments will include mixing paints to create new colors. Crafts will be used to enhance the theme of the week and reinforce the colors, shapes, and letters of the month. Counting and matching games will increase your child's ability to identify numbers.

Next comes Fire Safety, Stranger Danger, and Community Helpers. We will talk about firefighters and how they serve the community. Monthly fire drills will prepare your children for a safe and timely evacuation. Also, during our Circle Time, we will practice "Stop, Drop, and Roll" exercises. Mustangs will make a coloring book with community helpers including police officers, firefighters, teachers, doctors, nurses, and other professionals that help us daily in our neighborhoods. We will provide opportunities for children to role play and dress up as their favorite community helpers.

Stranger Danger is part of our Safety Unit, and the students will learn what to do, who to tell, and the "safe people" to find in case a stranger approach. These lessons will equip your children, so they know what to do and to be confident in responding to these types of circumstances.



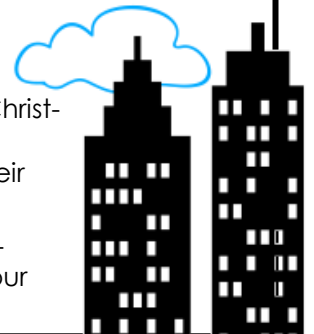
Autumn Plans...



Autumn will be bursting with fun crafts featuring jack-o-lanterns, ghosts, goblins and, of course, pumpkin carving. Later in the year, we will learn about the different seasons and share about how our families celebrate Thanksgiving with their families. We will make cornucopias and have tastings of fall fruits and vegetables.

Next, your children will be busy making enjoyable crafts for the holidays. Mustangs will decorate their own classroom tree with the ornaments they created. Teachers will wrap books and put them under the tree. Starting 12 days before Christmas, we will unwrap and read one book each day. Your child's curiosity will be sparked with photos and stories of children from around the world celebrating their traditional holidays.

Mustang families, thank you so much for your continued support and encouragement. We are genuinely excited about spending a wonderful fall season with your little ones.



Trotters

Ms. Tina ⚡ Ms. Norma ⚡ Ms. Kaylee

Meanwhile in Trotters....

Hello Trotter families! Well, we have officially started Pre-k and so far, I am loving the progress I am seeing. The class has adapted to the routines and schedule so well, and I cannot wait to see what else their little brains soak up the remainder of the year.

These upcoming months, we have fun activities we are all looking forward to. For example, in October, we will read *Pumpkin Jack*, and place a small jack o lantern in a glass jar. This experiment will teach the students about decomposition, rotting, and how resilient the pumpkin seeds are. It is also going to teach us the life cycle of the pumpkin. Another activity I like to do with the class is build structures with candy pumpkins and toothpicks. This activity helps them work their fine motor skills as well as cognitively as they try to figure out different ways to build.

Another subject that we will touch base on is sight words. We will start small with letter sounds and move up to blending the sounds to make a word. We already have spelled small words such as cat and dog in our pet unit. One of the topics we are currently tackling in our classroom is tattling. To help ease it in our classroom, we are working with the children to learn how to work it out together before coming to talk to the teacher. We have been talking to the class about the difference in when they can work it out alone and when a teacher needs to step in. They have been doing so well on telling friends "No, thank you, I don't like that.", "Please don't touch me.", "I don't like those words.". We do talk about this in between transitions so they do hear it a few times a day. Some ways the parents can also help us out is just by talking to your child about it as well.



Looking Forward!

We are looking forward to the rest of the year with your child and we cannot wait to see how much they progress. Before you know it, graduation will be here, and they will start the next chapter of their academic lives.

Broncos

Ms. Miriam ⚡ Ms. Norma ⚡ Ms. Megan

Meanwhile in Broncos....

Summer's been a blast, but the school year is here, and I am so excited to be working in the Broncos with your star students. There is so much in store for our students over the next four months, and we will start incorporating our Scholastic's Big Day curriculum. We will begin with a focus on being back-at-school and talk about our friends, manners and our classroom. We will also spend time learning about community helpers, fire safety, holiday traditions, working in our journals and folders to prepare your child for kindergarten. Journal writing teaches spelling, writing, counting, cutting, and many other learning skills.

Over the next few months, we will incorporate STEAM concepts throughout our curriculum themes and through other classroom activities. As we explore our curriculum theme of family, we will make a class family tree during circle time. Each student will get to add members of his/her family to the chart. We will use this chart during circle time to compare families. Upon completion of the chart, students will become engineers and build their own house using Popsicle sticks, paint, and yarn. Inside the house will be a family portrait that each student will also create. They will be displayed throughout the classroom for students to be able to discuss and acknowledge the similarities and differences of families. Throughout this project, students will practice using fine motor skills, color sorting, comparing, contrasting, counting, building, critical thinking and creativity. Students will also gain a better understanding of diversity, togetherness, and caring for one another.

In the fall, we will decorate a Bronco class pumpkin, this activity will allow your child to get creative, practice counting, work together as a team, and get his/her hands dirty. For this activity I will allow each child to come up one-by-one and reach into the pumpkin and grab a

handful of seeds. Following this, each child will complete a worksheet questionnaire about our class pumpkin. This worksheet will incorporate counting, color recognition, categorizing, writing and art. Lastly, each child will get to decorate a portion of the class pumpkin, encouraging the class to work together as a team.

Tip: Don't forget temperatures will start changing as we are entering the fall season, please be sure to send adequate clothing like pants, and a light jacket for your child, we know how unpredictable Texas weather can be.

Class Culture....

As we go through the year, we will spend a lot of time incorporating diversity and kindness in all of our lessons. We want our students to gain a full understanding of the world they live in and the diversity within. We will also focus on using our words to solve our problems and to ask for help. Furthermore, I want to remind families to continue to check folders daily and to label all your child's items to prevent them from getting lost or taken by someone else.

Please give a warm welcome back to Ms. Norma as our Broncos' assistant. We are so excited to get to work with every one of you and to watch our students learn and grow throughout the year.



Corral Kids

SUMMER HAS COME AND GONE... But we went out with a bang at our end of summer Fiesta! We are excited to welcome our Corral Kids After schoolers back 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 2023-2024 school year started!

Homework, art projects, science experiments, games and fun 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 projects planned! S.T.R.E.A.M experiments and art projects are a must! We will use inspiration from our surrounding nature, school plan events for all to enjoy. Don't forget every Thursday is movie day for group 1 and Friday is movie day for group 2 & 3! There is a list of movies provided on the gym doors at the beginning of the month. We are working together to have the best Corral Kids' year yet!



Plan for FUN...

To start the year, each of our three groups will be working with the teachers in their group to create their own personalized set of rules so that the students 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 do different fall activities such as candy corn catapults, group pumpkin volcanoes, and corn mosaic art just to name a few! We look forward to an exciting and cooler fall semester with all our Corral Kids.

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. Each group has a set time each day for quiet homework. (Please inform 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 at RHA, we ask that you check in with your child's specific Corral Kid teacher to see how his/her afternoon went.

Communication...

We would love to hear from you! Our communication app, ProCare is a wonderful way for you to let us know about your child's expected attendance, questions about the programs and services that we provide, or any other questions that you may have.



All Day Care!

All-day care tuition is \$100/ Wk. plus \$40 each day your child attends. If you do not wish to use All-day care, the \$40 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 WILL BE AVAILABLE:

*October 30 – November 1st *

November 20th- 22nd

December 18th – 22nd

December 28th & December 29th