

MUSTANGS

Rocking Horse Review • January - April 2024

Mustangs are looking forward to 2024, and we are ready for a fantastic and fun New Year!

Bringing in the new year means it's time for individual assessments to see how much your child has learned and grown while being in the Mustangs classroom. Each day we will continue to review shapes, colors, numbers, alphabet, and phonics. We will include simple sign language and Spanish words of the week; we are often amazed at what Mustangs remember from our daily Circle Times.

The New Year will also bring new learning experiences. We will remain focused on the STEAM concepts in our classroom. Science skills will be used many times as we talk about winter, snow, and Arctic animals. We will make snow using shaving cream and glue and then create snowmen and igloos. We will learn how frozen snow can keep you warm. Mustangs will place their Arctic animal crafts on the map to learn where these animals live.

Mustangs' STEAM-based curriculum will create inquiry-rich opportunities. Our projects will promote vocabulary, critical thinking, and problem-solving. Time and Calendar themes will prompt conversations about how one day ends and another begins. We will make and wear paper watches with moveable hands and guesstimate how much time we spend on each of our daily schedule segments. We will continue reviewing the days of the week and months of the year.

One of our big goals for our Mustangs is for them to improve their writing skills, and by the end of the school year, your child will be able to recognize all the letters in his/her name and be able to write it! At first, it may just seem like little scribbles, but with a little practice and encouragement, your child will be able to accomplish this goal. We encourage you to practice at home, too.



We will have fun learning about keeping healthy by making healthful food choices and getting plenty of exercise. Mustangs will glue photos of healthful food to "happy" teeth and unhealthy foods to "sad" teeth.

Mustangs will explore the outdoors on a nature walk and use their senses to hear, see, touch, and smell. Our walk will help our body and mind calm down and come into the present moment. Students will then use their painting skills to share their nature experience. The sun is out, flowers are blooming, and birds are singing – It must be spring.

Mustangs will get their hands dirty and plant their classroom flower which will create a daily plant caregiver job for one responsible student. We will learn and practice the Pledge of Allegiance for Pre-K Graduation this May.

We are excited to see how your children continue to progress over the next few months. Thank you, Mustang families, for all your love and support.



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