

## ponies

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We hope that all our Ponies and their families enjoyed a wonderful holiday season! We are so excited to ring in the new year with you! The next few months leading into spring will be full of activities enabling our Ponies to discover more about themselves and the world around them.

With the new year in full swing, we will further our exploration in STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art and math) concepts in our classroom with a big focus on math and art. As always, we will continue learning our sign language, Spanish words, and review our basics: letters, numbers, shapes and colors. We love to incorporate our fine and gross motor skills in our everyday activities. Playing to learn is our favorite way to discover and master new skills. Our Ponies always enjoy participating in daily hands-on sensory activities such as painting, coloring, matching, building blocks with friends. Incorporating our special songs, dances, flashcards, books into our circle time is our favorite part of our morning together! Lesson plans are always posted outside the classroom, so that you and your child can also practice at home what we are currently focusing on in the classroom.

As spring approaches, we will be working on our student assessments. Stay tuned for more information regarding familuy-teacher conferences soon. We will spend a great deal of time working on refreshing our knowledge of patterns, shapes, colors, numbers, and big and small comparison, as well as learning more about our own body parts and emotions to better understand ourselves. These are also activities that families can emphasize at home. Flash cards, books, singing are our most used tools to help your little one accomplish these milestones.

Rocking Horse Academy will be doing something extremely exciting this spring! The Week of the Young Child will be celebrated in some amazing ways. This is a time to feature your child while having some super-duper fun! We will celebrate throughout the week with collaborative activities to highlight your child through music, food, art. There will be opportunities for families to get involved and have some fun too! We will provide more information as we get closer to this exciting celebration.

Just a few reminders as we begin the new year. Please remember to label everything; water bottles & lunch boxes must have first name and last initial on it. Also make sure diapers have first & last name initials as well as making sure wipes have your child's name on them. We have a lot of friends with the same diapers and wipes. We also ask that you label any clothes or jackets that you may leave in your child's cubby. Thank you!

We are very excited about each one of you and all the learning and fun we'll have together! If you have any questions please don't hesitate to give us a call or message us on Procare. Thank you!



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