



MUSTANGS

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On the Horizon

Wow! Mustang families, time has passed by quickly this year. Once again, it is time for us to bid farewell to our current classmates as they move on to Pre-K classrooms. In the upcoming school year, the children will have an exciting time in the Broncos and Trotters as their fantastic teachers prepare them with engaging educational activities and help them get a glimpse of what to expect in Kindergarten.

Before they begin in their new classrooms, we will introduce our Mustangs to Trotters lead teacher, Ms. Tina, and Broncos lead teacher, Ms. Miriam, so the students can get to know them and feel comfortable around them. Mustang families, as we near the end of our time with your children, we want to express our gratitude for entrusting us with your beloved pride and joy. Their exciting personalities have made for so many great memories together. We could not have asked for a better group of students to teach and will remember them forever.

We still have a whole month together to enjoy and participate in fun activities before the school year ends. 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. These sharing sessions will turn into a fun way of creating a beautiful keepsake to take home for Mother's Day. We will also continue to practice the Pledge of Allegiance and lead the guests at Pre-K graduation.

Full S.T.E.A.M. Ahead!

Mustangs' STEAM-based curriculum will create inquiry-rich opportunities. Our projects will promote vocabulary, critical thinking, and problem-solving. Transportation is great fun as a theme, and we will gather posters of various means of transportation and discuss them with children. We will use flash cards of different vehicles and classify them by travel methods - "Land", "Water", and "Air". We will also brainstorm and create a graph with the children about the different ways they have travelled and how they travel to school. Marshmallows and toothpicks and their imagination are all kids need to construct a creation of their own. We will also bring tissue boxes, paper rolls, and egg cartons from home to use for another great building activity. As spring gives way to summer, we will start by talking about staying safe on sunny days. By experimenting with sunscreen on paper, Mustangs will learn how using sunscreen protects our skin. Students will get to dive into our ocean sensory bin to uncover beautiful seashells on the beach. We will camp out and discover the great outdoors. We will pitch a tent in the classroom and make

s'mores using chocolate chips, mini marshmallows, and Teddy Grahams. Students will go on a scavenger hunt outdoors and use the binoculars that we made to search for interesting bits of nature.

Another popular theme is Space, and students love to pretend to be astronauts. We will make astronaut helmets and bounce around the room pretending to be in outer space. As part of a shapes review lesson, Mustangs will make a bright, colorful rocketship. Children never seem to tire of dinosaurs; we will talk about paleontology and fossils, what dinosaurs ate, the land they lived in, and the various kinds of dinosaurs. We will count the classroom dinosaurs and sort them into plant-eating and meat-eating categories. Students will pretend to be paleontologists. Small shells, beans and seeds will be hidden in Play-Doh balls. Mustangs will be "fossil hunters" by carefully digging with a toothpick to find the hidden fossils.

We cannot wait to see how the Mustangs continue to learn and grow over the next few months! Thank you for all your support and love.