

# TROTTERS

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## 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 28th, they will officially be Corral Kids! Please keep in mind that you do have to enroll your children for 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 1-20, 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 students off to kindergarten to start this next chapter and gain the new class so they can finish their last year at Rocking Horse.