

# WRANGLERS

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## Learning Through Play!



What a year this has been! I want to start by saying thank you to all our Wrangler families. I am so grateful to have such amazing families supporting us. I cannot believe how fast this year has flown by. May is here, but the fun hasn't ended...yet! We have more exciting learning themes, and a few more celebrations before we say goodbye to our current Mighty Wranglers as they get ready to transition into Broncos and Trotter, pre-k.

We will kick off our learning with the themes of transportation and maps; we will sort our transportation center toys by land, air, and water to discuss the different ways we can travel. We will do a "car wash" activity where we put cars in shaving cream, and the students will "wash" the cars. As we wrap up transportation and maps, we will set all our chairs up around the classroom to make a train and discuss all the places we can visit on our "train ride". We end May with the learning themes of inventions and technology. We will turn our art center into an inventions center for our Wranglers to use their imagination and create their own inventions, talk about famous inventors along with their inventions, and compare inventions from the past to our current time. We will also do the Potato Light Bulb Experiment which shows how our electrical currents work.

Before you know it, we will be welcoming our new Wranglers, along with summer. We will discuss all the topics of summer fun, but first we prepare ourselves to beat the heat with a lesson on sun safety.

We will do an experiment with sunscreen by applying it to one half of a colored paper and leaving the other half untreated, and then left out in the sun. This will give our Wranglers a visible example of the power of the sun. We will also go camping in class, and even make s'mores!

As the temperature rises, so does our fun! We celebrate 4th of July with our learning theme of American History. We will talk about the holiday and why we celebrate it during circle time. We will also do a science experiment of fireworks in a glass. We will prepare to travel into space by talking about Niel Armstrong; the first person to walk on the moon. To conclude our summer fun topics, we will celebrate with an ice cream party equipped with sprinkles, fruits, and yummy syrups.

As summer comes to an end, the fun doesn't. We will discuss the topics of safari and jungle animals, pets, and dinosaurs. We will sort the animals we have in our centers into safari animals and jungle animals. We will do a class survey of our pets and their pet names, and dinosaur shadow drawing with sidewalk chalk.

In closing, continue to help our Wranglers to become more independent to be ready for their transition into Broncos and Trotters. Remind them of their manners and to use them at home as well as school, and always encourage them to make good choices. Families don't forget to send fresh water every day and apply sunscreen in the morning. We cannot wait to meet our new Wranglers, and to have another great school year!