



ROCKING HORSE ACADEMY **Review**  
THE SUMMER EDITION OF SCHOOL NEWS, INFORMATION AND EVENTS

MAY - AUGUST 2024



## IMPORTANT DATES

**Teacher Appreciation Week**  
May 6 - May 10

**Muffins with Mom**  
May 10

**Meet the Teacher Night**  
May 14

**RHA Pre-K Graduation Ceremony**  
May 24

**Corral Kids Summer Camp Begins**  
May 28

**Donuts with Dads**  
June 14

## School Closed

- May 27
- July 4
- August 9

## Tuition Due Dates

- May 13 & 27
- June 10 & 24
- July 5 & 19
- August 2, 16 & 30

## Date Night

- May 18
- June 15
- July 20
- August 17

# FOALS 1

Ms. Renee | Ms. Paulina | Ms. Macy

## Ready, Set, Summer!

We are looking forward to a world of fun, learning, and growing these next few months in Foals 1! Let the adventures begin. Singing songs is so much fun, especially singing them to the infants. The excitement of their facial expression says it all, along with seeing them moving their hands and feet with joy. We sit with them on the mat and use our singing voices. Playing classical music such as Bach and Beethoven music helps develop cognitive brain functions.

Singing to your baby is great for his/her brain development. A fun activity we use in the classroom is playing with shakers. We let the infants explore the different sounds depending on what is inside the shakers while we are singing our songs together. We can talk about what colors we see inside the shakers. We also use musical instruments like drums and tambourines to make great music together. These are so much fun to do with music.

Foals 1 babies will discover all the best parts about summer while their creative expressions and sensory development flourish with fun activities making bright yellow suns with our handprints, finger paint a watermelon, and a fish.



## Learning Through Play!

An important developmental activity that we will do is mirror play. Mirrors are a wonderful learning tool used to encourage exploration and aid in their development. Infants love looking at their reflection and notice how they react. Do they try and touch the baby in the mirror or smile at them? We talk to them about who they are seeing, and they learn so much from making facial expressions, seeing their reaction and building on language development.

As always, our babies are learning about themselves, their world and their abilities. We are here to help and encourage them to reach their goals. If you have any questions, comments, suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.



# FOALS 2

Ms. Sydney | Ms. Amara | Ms. Emma | Ms. Nancy

## Ready, Set, Summer!

We are looking forward to a world of fun, learning, and growing these next few months in Foals 2. Let the adventures begin! Summer will be in full swing as we focus on the Ocean and Beach as part of our monthly themes. Beach ball rolling will improve your baby's gross motor skills. Chasing after the ball and trying to catch or hold it gets those large muscles moving and helps your baby gain strength and confidence in his/her body. "Sand castle" stacking cups skills promote cognitive development; they'll have to concentrate on carefully stacking them and use problem-solving skills to work out how to build the stack without it toppling. These activities are very easy to recreate at home to further support your growing baby's development. It's not just playing, it's learning! Sensory bottles filled with water and beach elements will nourish social and emotional development. We have an array of books to boost language development along with our Summer Fun theme with our favorites being "Baby Beluga" and "Baby Loves Summer". Foals 2 babies will discover all the best parts about summer while their creative expression and sensory development flourish with fun art activities: making bright yellow suns with our hands and finger paint as well as watermelons, and hot air balloons.

## Reminders

Parents, please always remember to label every item you are sending to school with your child. We have several students with the same items, and we want to make sure they all get sent back home. Diapers, wipes, formula containers, infant food and cereal, clothing and so on. These items can get switched with another child if not properly labeled. This is very important. As your child is growing in Foals 2, now is a great time to start exploring foods. We ask them to try everything at home first, then bring it to school. Sippy cups are also a great developmental achievement we want to accomplish before moving up to the next class. Don't forget the sunblock! We will be sure to

journey to the atrium, if we are able to, so that your child may have some fun in the sun. Please apply sunblock in the morning, and we will gladly reapply in the afternoon. RHA provides Banana Boat sunblock or you are welcome to bring your own. No sprays please!

As your Foals 2 lead teacher, I try my best to make myself available during your child's drop-off to discuss any matters. Also please be assured in any case, all teachers in Foals 2 are here to assist you as well. We are so grateful to have you and your child as part of our class and look forward to more learning and growing in Foals 2. Please feel free to contact us with any questions, concerns, or comments by calling Rocking Horse Academy sending a Procare message or email.





# COLTS

Ms. Emily | Ms. Ava | Ms. Emma | Ms. Lindsay

## Ready for some Summer Fun?

Our Colts love artwork; this is a great way to introduce them to simple science and math concepts. The next several months will be busy ones for the Colts class. During the summer months, we will review our colors, shapes, Spanish words, and signs. We reinforce them when we play with our blocks on the floor, work puzzles at the table, or push that yellow doggie around the room. We sing songs using colors to help children learn.

There are several special days that are coming up. Our Colts will be making special art projects for these events. As a partnership, periodically we will send home a project for you as a family to work on.

This may be a difficult age for your child and you. This is the age where a lot of biting occurs. Most of the time when biting occurs, it is done because a child cannot vocalize his/her needs. This is his/her way of communicating. As a partnership between the families and RHA, we strive to help the children overcome this phase of their lives with positive reinforcement. Some ways to do so are role playing, offering an alternative activity, or gently reminding them that teeth are not for biting people or animals; they are for biting food. Offering your child a cold cloth or a teething toy may also help ease the pain associated with teeth coming in.

The STEAM curriculum is a big part of our lesson plans. We do this in many ways. Sorting toys teaches math skills, simple science projects create interest and fascination, and outdoor play builds trust and relationships. It may just look like simple "play," but it's a way to teach and for children to learn. The Colts will be using our playground more often. The STEAM program will be used a lot in this area.

## Reminders

### Sunscreen:

Please apply sunscreen to your little one in the morning. We will gladly re-apply sunscreen in the afternoon. RHA provides Banana Boat sunblock. You are welcome to bring your own, remember that we ask for no aerosol sunscreen containers in the school.

### Waters:

Please bring a filled water bottle for your child. Our Colts love their water, and we will refill bottles as often as needed. Also, please take your child's cup home daily so that it is cleaned and sanitized properly.

### Cubbies / supplies:

We are going through your child's cubby and making sure that he/she has weather and size appropriate clothing. We ask that you make sure to label all of your child's belongings with his/her name and 1st initial of last name. Lunch boxes and food containers must also be labeled and taken home daily. Remember to label each diaper with your child's initials. (Several of our little ones have the same size diaper as well as the same brand.)

As always, we will continue to use repetition with our Colts. This is the best way that children learn the skills that are needed in life. Remember that we are here for your child and you. We may be reached in several ways: our class email, through the Procure app, or call during our naptime (12:00 pm-2:00 pm).

# PONIES

Ms. Allison | Ms. Shalondra | Ms. Alex



## Full STEAM Ahead!

The Ponies will be continuing our STEAM concept in our classroom with a focus in art and science over the upcoming months. We will work on color recognition when doing projects such as mixing and creating our own paints. Incorporating everyday objects into our daily routine is our favorite way to learn, such as counting our books, steps, blocks, and even our friends as we walk through the halls together. To kick off summer, our Ponies will be working on a special classroom project where we will create our very own garden. They will get to help put the soil in, put the seed in its place and even help water the flowers every day. As a class we will observe and talk about the changes in our garden as plants begin to blossom and flourish. There will be a few new creepy crawly additions coming to the Pony classroom throughout the summer. We will get to nurture and talk about the different kinds of insects we have as they grow everyday. Getting to release these bugs outside as a class will sure be a highlight of our summer together!

Together we will be focusing on and exploring our five senses in new and exciting ways everyday. Our favorite way to explore the world around us is our sensory manipulatives we use in the class everyday. We will often play with shaving cream, water tables, chalk and so much more. With hot summer days approaching, we will begin to play more with water outside and cooling objects inside. Talking about and touching different textures and objects to further our sensory exploration is our Pony's favorite way to spark some interest and stimulate imagination.

## Reminders

The Pony class is very excited to see that summer has arrived! We are thrilled to continue to learn and grow together. Families, just a few reminders to kick off the new season. As the weather warms up, please check your Pony's cubby to make sure he/she has cool attire for summer. Keeping your little one hydrated is extremely important to us, so please be sure to bring a labeled water bottle for your child each day. We also ask that all items brought into the school are labeled including lunch boxes, diapers, nap items, and clothes. Finally, with these hot sunny days, please remember to apply sunscreen in the morning before coming to school. We will apply RHA's Banana Boat sunblock in the afternoon.

We are excited about all the upcoming fun we will have together in the Pony classroom this summer! Helping your little one grow and learn everyday is such a joy. Please feel free to reach out to us through Procure or even give us a call if you have any questions. We hope you have a wonderful and cool summer!

# CHARGERS 1

Ms. Paris | Ms. Alyssa



## Learning Through Play!

Welcome to Chargers 1. We are so excited to have you in our classroom and are thrilled to help your child learn and grow. In this classroom our focus of learning will be shapes, colors, letters, numbers 1 through 20, and emotions through fun activities and games daily.

During this time we will be doing lots of “Summer Fun” activities. These activities will be full of learning about the beach, ocean, and all the great things we can find there, such as our ocean animal sand box. Fast forwarding to August, we will learn about all different types of animals, whether they live on the farm, in your house, or prehistorically!

We believe it is important to incorporate STEAM throughout the classroom every single day. For these following months, our focus will be on what technology is, including how it was invented. With us jumping into summer, we will explore math by counting things such as seashells and ocean animals. We are also going to make our own edible beach sensory bucket. We will complete a large variety of art activities such as creating our own outer space to decorate our classroom. In addition to all these great STEAM projects, we will be doing activities that relate to diversity: Spanish, sign language, and emotions.

One thing we do to include our parents into our room is a weekly “story time”. Each Friday we invite the parents or family members of the student to sign up and read a story to the classroom during morning snack. We pride ourselves in Chargers 1 on making you and your child feel welcome and safe in the classroom.

## Potty Talk

This is the exciting age of potty training. In this classroom we encourage all children to get familiar with the potty area. To help with this process, we recommend bringing your child in pull-ups (or underwear) rather than diapers to make it easier for them to learn self-skills such as pulling up and down their pants. Avoiding tight fitting clothing can help with this as well. We want to help you and your child with this huge and sometimes messy step in his or her life. Being consistent at home and school and having communication with you is key. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make this a much easier process for you.

## Reminders

Please remember to label ALL your child’s belongings: clothes, pull-ups, wipes, cups, lunch boxes, bedding, and backpacks. This will help eliminate confusion and lost items.

Also, please bring a bag or backpack to put all your child’s belongings in on Fridays, and make sure to check cubbies for art and other items.





# CHARGERS 2

Ms. Chelsi | Ms. Marissa | Ms. Carol

## May the warm weather make way for FUN!

The cold is finally sailing away. Chargers 2 can't wait for all of the activities that summer brings.

We will continue going over our ABC's, numbers, colors, and shapes together. Flash cards are used during circle time daily to help your child learn his/her basics. Not only are we learning during this time, we are also emotionally connecting with your child.

We continue full STEAM ahead with concepts that involve science, technology, engineering, art and math in Chargers 2! One example of what we do is art work with our number or letter of the week. Students may use a number cut-out of our weekly number to trace, or an activity that involves your child counting to our number of the week. You may have noticed your child counting on his/her fingers and patting his/her legs while singing his/her ABC's. This is how our circle time goes, and the children enjoy it so much with the extra movement.

We plan to use our engineering and technology skills to make our own maps in the coming months. This is always so much fun, as we let the children "go free" with their maps. Your child will be asked where he/she would like to go, then we will draw our map out in the way your child explains. When this is all finished, we will show our maps to the class, grab some cars, and travel down our maps. This also allows your child to use his/her creativity. This will be such a fun classroom activity to do together, while you can also do so at home! With summer quickly approaching, this means we get to dive right into ocean and pond life. Our friends love water-themed activities. No worries, no pools or large bodies of water will be involved, instead we will use our sensory bin, and other "pretend" bodies of water for

several summer activities. We will have hands-on learning about our ocean theme, including building coral reefs with Play-doh, sand and sea squish bags and exploring sea shells together. And, of course, be looking for beautiful artwork to go along with our ocean themes. For pond life we will make Lily Pads, cat tails, and learn about algae that grows and what it feels like. This will be another sensory-themed learning experience.

### Potty Talk

As you know, we continue to work on potty training. Some may be ready, some may not be, and that is okay! We don't want to force this on your child but want him/her to be aware. If your child is already familiar and going at home, please let us know so we can continue at school, and vice versa. We cheer on each child the same! Accidents do and will happen, and we use positive reinforcement during an accident. We do not want to scare our Chargers or make them feel disciplined for an accident.. We allow 2 accidents in underwear, then we switch back to a pullup for the rest of that day. Please bring several bottoms as backup.

### Reminders

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before arriving at school; we will reapply sunscreen before going outside in the afternoon. If your child needs a hat, please feel free to send it so your child can wear it outside. Always send your child to school with a fresh water bottle. Label, label, label! Frequently, we have multiple students with the same belongings; this is why it is important to have every item of your child's with a label. Thank you for your cooperation. As always, please contact Myself (Ms. Chelsi), or Ms. Marissa for any questions or concerns. Our best conference time is 12:00-2:00.

# PINTOS

Ms. Monette | Ms. Alycia | Ms. Ally



## Hello Sunshine, Hello Spring!

We will have some fun and exciting activities going on in our Pinto classroom. We will continue using circle time to review some of our colors: white, yellow and blue, numbers 10-15, and review all letters and shapes of the week. Our Pintos love our Alphabet Soup Cans to go over our letter of the week. The anticipation of what's in the can is so much fun. Our new song box is a big hit, and the kids love to pick their favorite at circle time such as In the Middle, Jump Up and Down, and Mr. Clown. Our STEAM concepts of science, technology, engineering, art, and math are used daily but a big focus on Science and Engineering will come to play when we work on conducting hypotheses and inventions. We will use everyday items in our classroom to do projects/predictions such as "sink or float", and doing "Weather in a cup" to learn about color theory and coloring mixing.

Before you know it, summer will be here, and we will get to dive into ocean life. Our science center will come alive with some real starfish and a living fish may make an appearance as well, along with some beautiful seashells that we will take a closer look at using our magnifying glasses.



## Potty Talk

Potty training is an on-going experience in the Pinto room, so it is important to keep 3 sets of clothes and even a pair of shoes in your child's cubby. Plastic bags are our best friends, so please feel free to bring in any extra you have. Remember when dressing your Pinto to make sure he/she is wearing clothes that allow him/her to easily pull down to go potty and pull up as well.

## Reminders

Please remember to label everything, including your child's bedding and apply sunscreen every morning. We will use the sunscreen in the afternoons before going outside. If you want to supply your own brand, remember no aerosol allowed. Please send your child with a labeled water bottle each day (water only). We recommend adding ice to keep it cooler. As always, we are here for any questions or concerns you may have. You may call during nap time (12:30-2:00), leave a Procure message, or email us.



# WRANGLERS

Ms. Brittany | Ms. Aliss | Ms. Sienna | Ms. Ashley

## 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!



# MUSTANGS

Ms. Rett | Ms. Jessie | Ms. Daulin

## 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.

# TROTTERS

Ms. Tina | Ms. Gracee | Ms. Kaylee

## 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.

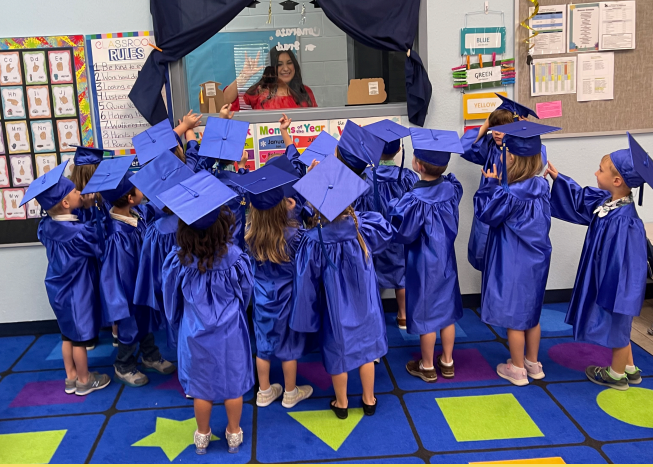
One of the fun activities I always like to show the children is making s'mores during our camping week. We

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.







# BRONCOS

Ms. Miriam | Ms. Norma | Ms. Megan

## Pre-K Plans!

The end of the Pre-K year is almost here, and it's almost time for graduation! The children have been working hard and practicing, ready to show you parents what we have been working on. We would like to thank you so much for trusting us to educate and build a bond with your child. We teachers have watched your child flourish into an independent human who is ready to take on the kindergarten world. We are excited to see what more he/she can accomplish.

An event we have been preparing for is Pre-K graduation. This will take place on Friday, May 24th at 11am. If you wish for your child to continue with us into the summer months, please do not forget to register for summer camp. We will be ready to welcome the new group of children into our classroom. We are excited to show them the ropes of being a Pre K student and get them ready for kindergarten. Some of the skills we are going to teach the children are how to be more independent, responsible, and manage self-regulation. As the months go on, they will learn letter recognition, sounds, numbers up to 30, rhyming, compound words and more. Our goal is to have the class ready for kindergarten both socially and academically.

This summer we will grab our backpack and maps and become Explorers! Our lesson plans will take us through many different adventures starting with exploring different types of animals from the jungle to under the sea, we will then "camp out" and discover the great outdoors; we will go on scavenger hunts, make S'mores and use the binoculars we made to look up at the sky. This will

then lead us to my favorite adventure of all, our planet! We will not only learn about the different planets that make up our solar system, but we will also be making our own solar system display. One of the fun activities we will do is make our own moon rocks. It is very hands-on, and the children will practice fine motor skills by rolling the materials into a ball and then using a dropper to drop vinegar onto their moon rock creating craters. We will be closing out our summer with some fun themes, one of them being dinosaurs! In my years of teaching, I have found this to be a favorite subject. Students will learn about carnivores, herbivores, and omnivores. In a math activity we will introduce how to graph. We will use a graph to see which dinosaur has the most fans. We will continue to graph facts throughout the year. At the end of August, we will resume our Big Day curriculum. We are ready and excited to welcome the Pre-K class of 2025 into our class! We thank you for trusting us with your little ones as we embark on this new school year.

## Reminders

- Bring a water bottle to school with your child's name on it. (water only)
- Apply sunscreen before leaving home and we will reapply in the afternoon.
- Label any and all items that belongs to your child i.e. water bottles, extra clothes, sunscreen, bags/backpacks.
- Closed toes shoes only (no sandals or cros)

# CORRAL KIDS

Summer Camp is right around the corner, and we can't wait to spend it with you. This summer Corral Kids will enjoy weekly swim days, field trips, special guest performers, science, art and sooo much more!!! To help both our families and Campers be prepared for a SUMMER of fun, we have highlighted several things in this newsletter to help things run smoothly! Of course, please don't ever hesitate to ask any of the Corral Kids staff questions...we are here to help!

## SUMMER CAMP IN A NUTSHELL

**Morning Drop Off** - Your child may be dropped off in the morning as early as 6:30a.m.

**Lunch & Snacks** – Snacks will be provided for each student every morning and afternoon. Our menu is available in our lobby as well as on our website. A counselor will approach you each morning to ask whether your camper will be bringing lunch or purchasing an RHA lunch.

**WATER BOTTLES!!!!** - Reusable water bottles should be sent to camp daily and should be labeled with your child's first name and last initial. At the end of each day they must be taken home, washed, and refilled.

**Appropriate Attire** - Flip flops are not allowed at RHA. We ask for all the children to come to camp in tennis shoes for comfort and safety. Campers will also need to wear their "Corral Kids" shirt for field trips and swim days.

**Themed Dress up Days**- Every Monday we will encourage our campers to come dressed in clothes that match our theme for the week.

**Items Brought from Home** - TOYS, STUFFED ANIMALS, ELECTRONICS, CELL PHONES, ETC. ARE NOT ALLOWED AT RHA. If any of these items are found at Rocking Horse Academy, they will be kept in Ms. Kira's office until the end of the day. Please be sure to label everything your child brings to RHA!!!

**Rest Time and Fun Friday** - Every day the children will have rest time after lunch. This is not nap time. Rest time is provided to allow the campers a little down time to relax after lunch and reenergize for the afternoon activities. Every Friday we will have a Fun Friday. Students will watch movies. Movie list will be posted in advance.

## FIELD TRIPS

All groups will be attending field trips this summer. Kinder and 1st graders will attend field trips on Thursday's, while 2nd - 5th grade campers will be attending on Wednesday's. Corral Kids morning staff will present each parent with a permission slip on Monday mornings. If a sack lunch is needed, or specific clothing will be required, a counselor will inform you as well as reminders will be posted on the gym doors and sent via ProCare. WOW! What a summer to be had!!! You won't want to miss anything!

## SWIMMING

Our Corral Kid Swim days are Tuesdays and Fridays each week from 1:30pm- 3:30pm at the James Atkins Pool. Tuesday swim days are designated for Kinder and 1st graders. Friday swim days will be designated for 2nd -5th graders.

**Kindergarten- 1st grade Campers** – Each child will be required to wear a coast guard approved life vest brought from home.

**2nd – 5th Grade Campers** - On your child's first visit to the pool the lifeguards will have each child participate in a swimming test to determine his/ her water proficiency. If your child passes, he/she will receive a wristband allowing him/her to participate in swim day without a life vest. Each week your child will be required to check in with the lifeguard staff to obtain a new wristband. If you and your child do not feel comfortable as a swimmer attempting the required test, please let us know and they can opt in to wearing a vest without taking the test.

## Don't Forget Your Pool Essentials:

COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE VEST (Kinder/1st grader or those who are unable to pass the swim test)

TOWEL

SWIMSUIT

CORRAL KIDS T-SHIRT

FLIP FLOPS (may be worn at pool ONLY)

GOGGLES (optional)

\*Hint: We suggest having your child already dressed in their swimsuit underneath their clothes and CK T-shirt when they attend camp on their swim days.

This way they can simply bring a fresh change of clothing and underwear when they return from the swimming pool. A plastic bag is also handy for storing wet items. \*