May-August 2025

# important dates!

# **Teacher Appreciation Week**

May 5-May 9

A celebration of teachers and staff! RHA families will help show our teacher's how much they are appreciated by donating, money, food and time to celebrate our awesome staff.

# Meet the Teacher Night

May 8

Take some time out to meet your students next teacher and learn about their classroom. Or visit with past teachers.

## **Muffins with Mom**

May 9

Moms, grandma's, aunt's, and any mom representaive, have a muffin in the cafetria with your student.

# **Pre-K Graduation Ceremony**

May 23

Time for our Pre-K to don their grad caps and gowns and share a farewell pre-k performance for families and friends.

### **Donuts with Dad**

June 13

Dads, grandpa's, uncle's, and any dad representative, have a donut in the cafeteria with your student.

# school closed

May 26

July 4

August 8

# tuition due dates

• May 12 & 26

• June 9 & 23

• July 5 ն 19

• August 5 & 19

# date night

May 10

June 14

• July 19

August 16

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Ms. Renee 🔆 Ms. Paulina 🔆 Ms. Reann 🔆 Ms. Sydney

# world of fun & learning

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 hand-prints, finger paint a watermelon, and a fish.

An important developmental activity that we will do is mirror play. Mirrors are a wonderful learning tool used to encourage exploration 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.



Ms. Sydney 👯 Ms. Stephanie 🔆 Ms. Heather 👯 Ms. Cassidy

# ready, set, dive into summer fun.

Ready, set, dive into summer fun. We are looking forward to a world of fun, learning, and growing these next few months in Foals 2.

Summer will be in full swing with lots of different activities for your child. Ocean and Beach themes are part of the monthly themes. Rolling, throwing, chasing, and catching a beach ball will improve your baby's gross motor skills. (This will get those large muscles moving and will help your child gain strength and confidence in his/her own body.) "Sandcastle" blocks and stacking cups skills promote cognitive development; your baby will have to concentrate on carefully stacking them and then use problem-solving skills to work out how to build the stack without toppling it over. Sensory bottles filled with water or sand along with beach elements will nourish social and emotional development. We encourage you to make your own sensory bottles at home. (If you have older children, have them help make bottles for their younger siblings.)

Foals 2 babies will further enhance their language skills with an array of books, Spanish words and songs geared towards our monthly themes. ("Baby Loves Summer" and "Baby Beluga" are two books we will read. Agua-Water and Playa-Beach are some Spanish words we will teach your child.)

Let's not forget about the creative expression and

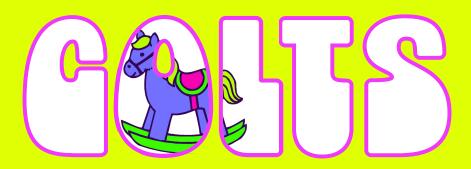
sensory development aspect of learning. Foals 2 babies will be exploring with finger-paint and ink pads, making yellow suns, watermelons, and hot air balloons are just a few activities we have planned for Foals 2.

Don't forget the sunblock lotion (no sprays, please)! 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. You apply in the morning, and we will gladly reapply in the afternoon. You must provide the sunscreen with a permission notice.

Always remember, a child's work is play. (This is how they learn skills needed later on in life.

Communication is an essential part of any relationship, and as teachers, we want to have all aspects of communication open to our families. You may reach us in numerous ways: by calling RHA and asking for the Foals 2 Class, messages through the Pro Care App, or by email at foals2@rockinghorseacademy.com





Ms. Monica 🔆 Ms. Ava 🔆 Ms. Shelby 🔆 Ms. Heather

# are we ready for some summer fun?

The next several months will be busy ones for the Colts class. During the summer months, we will review our colors, shapes and numbers. We reinforce them when we play with our blocks on the floor or work puzzles at the table. We sing songs using colors to help children learn. There are several special days that are coming up. Our Colts will be doing special art projects for these events.

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 words. 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 remind 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.

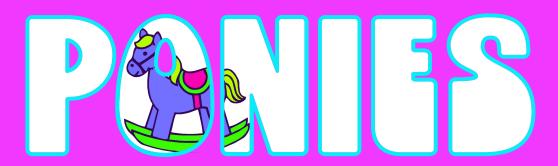
The STREAM curriculum is a big part of our lesson plans. We do this in many ways. Sorting toys teaches math skills, simple science projects create interest and fascination, and outdoor play builds trust and relationships. It may just look like simple "play," but it's a way to teach and for children to learn. The STREAM program will be used a lot in this area. (Examples: counting steps, how high can you throw a ball, and can you blow/catch bubbles.) Our Colts love art work; this is a great way to introduce them to simple science and math concepts. (Example: What happens when we mix 2 spoons of yellow and 3 spoons of blue paint? Can you stack 5 blocks together?) Play is a child's work, and this is how they learn best.



## reminders

Some important reminders. Please remember to apply sunscreen to your little one in the morning. We will gladly re-apply the sunscreen in the afternoon. Remember that we ask for no aerosol sunscreen containers in the school. Please remember to 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. 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. Please 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 a lot of 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 (colts@rockinghorseacademy.com), through the Procare, or call during our naptime.



Ms. Allison . Ms. Shalondra . Ms. Alex

# summer fun & learning

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 hot sunny days, we ask that you bring sunscreen for reapplication before outside time in the afternoon. Please remember to apply some in the morning before coming to school as well.

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 manipulative's 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.

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 Procare or even give us a call if you have any questions. We hope you have a wonderful and cool summer!

# CHARIE ST

Ms. Brandi \* Ms. Emma \* Ms. Kailey

# summer fun & learning

Welcome Chargers 1 Families. We are so excited to have your child in our class and even more so to help your child to learn and grow. In this classroom our focus of learning will be to recognize shapes, colors, letters, numbers, through fun activities and games.

As we enter the summer months, we still believe it is important to incorporate STEAM throughout the classroom

every single day. We will be exploring science, technology, engineering and math through simple experiments and hands-on activities. Expect activities like building with blocks, observing how objects float and sink, and experimenting with simple machines. It's a fun way to spark your toddler's curiosity and encourage a love for learning.

We will be doing art activities daily that pertain to our weekly theme. We have some exciting themes lined up for upcoming months that are sure to capture your child's imagination. We will explore Transportation. How many ways can we get around the world. We will also read the book "Cars, Trains, Ships and Planes" along with wheel painting we dip the toy car wheels in paint and roll them across paper to make colorful tracks. As it starts to warm up more, we will do outside

water activities. We will also learn summer fun Ocean, beach, camping and reading "In my Ocean". We will also get to explore with fun ocean themed sensory project. In addition to all these great STEAM projects, we will be doing activities that relate to diversity, Spanish, sign language, and emotions.



# 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 his/her 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\her life. Being consistent at home as we are here at school, our communication with you (the family) is key. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make this a much easier process for you. We are excited for your little one to start this "big kid" journey.

# 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. Please bring a bag or backpack to put all your child's belongings in on Friday and make sure to check cubbies for art and other items daily.

Please do keep in mind that when you message, we will get back to you as soon as possible during nap time 12:30-2:30 while children sleep. Please remember to clock-in your child and clock-out your child with ProCare.

# GHARGERS 2

Ms. Chelsi 🔆 Ms. Alyssa 🔆 Ms. Carol

# summer fun

May the warm weather make way for summer 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 as well as sign language. Flash cards are used during circle time to help your child learn his/her basics along with learning them in Spanish. Not only are we learning during this time, we are also emotionally connecting with your child and creating healthy relationships.

We continue full STREAM ahead with concepts that involve science, technology, reading, engineering, art and math. For math we incorporate manipulative's that we have in class to count 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; 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. 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 a sensory learning experience.



# potty training!

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. Chargers 2 team

Ms. Monette \* Ms. Marissa \* Ms. Shea

# full STREAM ahead!

The birds are singing, the sky is bright, the sun is shining, it's springtime! We have some fun and exciting activities going on in our Pinto classroom. We will continue using circle time to review some of our colors: green, pink and purple, numbers 20-30 and review the days of the week and months of the year. Our Pintos love our alphabet Soup Cans to go over our letter of the week. The anticipation of what's inside the can is so much fun. Our new song box is a big hit, and the children love to pick their favorite at circle time such as Good Morning, How Are You? Jump Up and Down, and Mr. Clown.

Our STREAM 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 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 we will take a trip to the lobby to see the living fish and explore their habitat, 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 that you provide in the afternoons before going outside. 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 (1-2:00), leave a Procare message, or email us at Pintos@rockinghorseacademy.com

# MANCE S

Ms. Brittany 🐝 Ms. Aliss 🔆 Ms. Kassidy

# summer fun & learning

What a year this has been! We are 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 then 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 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 a labeled water bottle with fresh water ONLY every day and apply sunscreen each morning. We cannot wait to meet our new Wranglers, and to have another great school year!



Ms. Alycia 🔆 Ms. Jessie 🔆 Ms. Daulin

# ready, set, LEARN!

It's hard to believe we are so close to being halfway through 2025! The next few months are going to be chocked full of lots of fun and exciting activities. The Mustangs class will be kicking things off with letter recognition, small sight words, and scissor cutting activities to help prepare them for Pre-K in June! Beginning in May, STREAM will play a big part in our themes, like Maps and Transportation. We will create a special treasure map and use our awesome map reading skills to find north on a compass. We will zoom across the globe using Google Earth to see faraway places and amazing sights, like Machu Pichu, The Great Pyramid of Giza, The Leaning Tower of Pisa, and The Eiffel Tower! We will utilize our math skills to chart the different types of vehicles and categorize what type of transportation each vehicle represents. We will create our very own Mustangs City using street magnet tiles and colorful magnet tiles to build our roads and buildings!

After we are all mapped out, we will move into Summer Fun! Students will explore the deep sea and look for the sea creatures that lurk in the deepest parts of the ocean. We will use our thumbprint for fireflies' art to help us with our counting skills while we learn how these glowing insects can be seen most. Our sensory bin will be utilized to have our friends discover the beautiful seashells, boats, seaweed and marine life that reside on the beach!

Fireworks aren't the only things in the sky in July, as we will blast off into outer space and learn about the solar system to create constellations with stars stickers. We will learn about the differences and similarities between stars and planets. The Mustangs

will build a rocket ship from recycled items to travel through our solar system on our projector! As we travel through space, it's only right that we travel through time! We will use the awesome StoryBots Thinkers Time Machine and go back in time to visit the dinosaurs! We will learn which dinosaur was the smallest and see if we can outrun the fastest. We will use Google Maps to show the 7 Wonders of the Modern World! Speaking of the modern world, Women's History month is in August,



and we will read a story about the amazing Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Ruth was the second female and the first Jewish female Justice of the Supreme Court. We want to include the first female Vice President (2021-2024), Madam Vice President Kamala Harris, and the first woman in space, Sally Ride, to our lessons on amazing women in our country! We cannot wait to see how the children continue to learn and grow over the next few months! We will continue to cherish our time together as we strive for success as a class. Thank you for all the constant support and love! You are greatly appreciated!

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Ms. Tina 🔆 Ms. Kaylee 🔆 Ms. Norah

# 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 27th, 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 Trotter's 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.



# summer in review

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.

# BONS

Ms. Miriam . Ms. Norma . Ms. Denice

# growing & learning

Hello Families! With the end of the school year approaching, I just want to say that the Bronco class has come a long way since its start last summer. It is truly an honor to watch these amazing children grow in just one year into such inquisitive children and to be able to work in their preparation for kindergarten. I would like to thank all the families for all the work they have put into making sure this has been their best year yet.

Graduation month has finally arrived, and we are excited to show you what your children have worked so hard to showcase for you on this momentous day. We have an event planned to celebrate our hard-working Broncos in the weeks following our Pre-K Graduation. We will have an End-of-The-Year celebration with a dance party. It is with mixed joy and sadness as our 2024-2025 Broncos leave us for kindergarten, but we know that they will do great. The Bronco teachers will be looking forward to welcoming a new group of Broncos, the class of 2025-2026. We are excited to meet and get to know these new students and

their families. Once they are settled in and know each other, we will begin working towards understanding classroom rules and routines. Throughout the year, we will also work on social skills, manners, problem-solving and learning to work both independently and in groups.

Broncos will be starting the Big Day Scholastic Pre-K Curriculum at the beginning of the school year. We don't take summers off from school; learning must be a part of every day! 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. A fun

activity we will do is the saltwater experiment. We will add some salt and water, baking soda with water and regular water to cups. We will then see in which cups small objects sink or float. The children will learn that salt water is more dense than normal water, so things float in salt water.

Another fun summer activity is to go camping, so we will have a "camp- out" in the classroom and eat S'mores, as we learn about camping and camping safety. We will go on scavenger hunts and use the binoculars we made to look up at the stars. Looking up at the stars will then lead us to my favorite adventure of all, our planets! We will not only learn about the different planets that make up our solar system, but we will also work together as a class to make 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. Once we roll into August, children will get into gear and begin our journey into the school year, where we will then start our fall curriculum which will include STREAM activities and kindergarten practices.



# reminders

Families, please don't forget we live in the great state of Texas, and the sun will be shining well into the school year. Please allow extra time to pack a water bottle with only water inside every day and apply sunscreen each morning at home. We play outside twice a day, so please bring a bottle of sunscreen to keep in the classroom (NO SPRAY ALLOWED). Make sure your child's personal belongings are labelled with his/her name. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please, feel free to contact me. I look forward to the upcoming months.



**Morning Drop off** – Your child may be dropped off in the morning as early as 6:30am.

**Lunch & Snacks**- A snack will be provided for each camper every morning at 9:00am and afternoon at 3:15pm. Lunches will be available for purchase, or you are welcome to bring a home lunch. Please let your child's morning teacher know if your child will be eating school lunch or a lunch from home. Our menu will be posted on our bulletin boards around the gym and in front of the Corral Kid classroom.

**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 the day, they must be taken home, washed and brought back the next day.

**Appropriate Attire**- Flip flops are NOT allowed. We ask all the children to come to camp in tennis shoes or close-toed shoes for comfort and safety. The only time flip flops should be worn is while at the pool. Children not wearing close-toed shoes will not be allowed to play on the playscape and may not be able to participate in field trips for their own safety.

Items Brought from Home-Toys, Gameboys, stuffed animals, electronics, cell phones, Ipads, etc. are NOT allowed. If any of these items are found at Rocking Horse Academy, they will be kept with Ms. Kira's until the end of the day. We appreciate your help in reinforcing our policy and ask if you could please check your children's belongings before dropping them off. Thank you for your understanding.

**Rest Time and Fun Friday**- Everyday the children will have rest time after lunch. This is not a 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 a movie. We will post a movie list in advance.

### field trips

All groups will be attending field trips this summer. Group 1 & 2 will attend field trips on Monday's, while Group 3 & 4 campers will be attending on Wednesday's. Permission slips will be available each week, If a specific item is needed, it will be posted on the permission slip as well as sent via Procare. Campers are required to wear their blue Corral Kid T-shirt on their designated field trip day.

Summer camp is right around the corner, and we can't wait to have the best summer ever with you. This summer Corral Kids will have weekly Field trips, swim days, special performers, STREAM, art and soo much more. To help have both our Families and Campers be prepared for a summer full of fun, we have highlighted several things in this newsletter to help things run smoothly.

### **swimming**

Our Corral Kid's swim days are Tuesdays and Thursdays each week from 1:30pm-3:30pm at James Atkins Pool. Tuesday swim days are designated for Group 3 & 4. Thursday swim days will be designated for Group 1 & 2.

**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 swim test to determine his/her water proficiency. If your child passes, he/she will receive a wristband allowing him/her to participate in swimming day without a life vest. If your child does not feel comfortable as a swimmer attempting the required swimming test, please let us know, and they can opt to wear a vest without taking the test.

### don't forget your pool essentials!

### **COAST GUARD APPROVED LIFE VEST**

(Kinder/lst 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. \*