

BRONCOS

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Summer's been a blast, but the school year is here, and I am so excited to be working with your star students. There is so much in store for our students over the next four months, and we will start incorporating our Scholastic's Big Day curriculum. We will begin with a focus on back-to-school and talk about our friends, manners and our classroom. We will also spend time learning about community helpers, fire safety, holiday traditions, working in our journals and folders to prepare your child for kindergarten. Journals teach spelling, writing, counting, cutting, and many other learning skills.

Over the next few months, we will incorporate STEAM concepts throughout our curriculum themes and through other classroom activities. As we explore our curriculum theme of family, we will make a class family tree during circle time. Each student will get to add members of his/her family to the chart. We will use this chart during circle time to compare families. Upon completion of the chart, students will become engineers and build their own house using Popsicle sticks, paint, and yarn. Inside the house there will be a family portrait that each student will also create. They will be displayed throughout the classroom for students to be able to discuss and acknowledge the similarities and differences of families. Throughout this project, students will practice using fine motor skills, color sorting, comparing, contrasting, counting, building, critical thinking and

creativity. Students will also gain a better understanding of diversity, togetherness, and caring for one another.

In the fall, we will carve a class pumpkin, this activity will allow your child to get creative, practice counting, work together as a team, and get his/her hands dirty. For this activity I will allow each child to come up one-by-one and reach into the pumpkin and grab a handful of seeds. Following this, each child will complete a worksheet questionnaire about our class pumpkin. This worksheet will include counting, color recognition, categorizing, writing and art. Lastly, each child will get to decorate a portion of the class pumpkin, encouraging the class to work together as a team.

As we go through the year, we will spend a lot of time incorporating diversity and kindness in our lessons. We want our students to gain a full understanding of the world they live in and the diversity within. We will also focus on using our words to solve problems and to ask for help.

Reminders

I want to remind families to continue to check folders daily, sign daily behavior logs, clock your child in and out of ProCare and to label all their personal items to prevent them from getting lost or taken by someone else.

Tip: Don't forget temperatures will start changing as we are entering the fall/winter seasons, please be sure to send adequate clothing like pants, and a light jacket for your child, we know how unpredictable Texas weather can be.

Thank you for all your support in making this classroom a fun and safe environment for all to learn and grow!