

PONIES

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FALLing INTO Fun & Learning

Hello from Ponies! Autumn is here and the holidays are right around the corner! There is a lot to do and learn as we dive right into one of the busiest and most fun-filled seasons of the year.

Students have been enjoying games, puzzles, and sensory play that helps them expand their fine motor skills. We are working on our speech and vocabulary with seasonal songs and books. We ask you to continue to encourage your little one to verbalize as much as possible; we love to hear your Ponies chattering! All our children learn at different speeds, and the learning of speech is integrated into every aspect of our daily routine. As always, we are using our sign language whenever possible! We encourage children to communicate their feelings using words. "Soft touches" and "Use your words" are common phrases used in our classroom.



Every week we review our shapes, colors, animal sounds and focus on various letters of the alphabet. In our everyday activities, we find different opportunities to count from 1 to 10. We count our friends, fingers and even our snacks! Mom and Dad can help too, by counting to ten each time we brush our teeth or wash our hands. Coming up in the next few months, we will be talking about our homes and families. In November we will use the Thanksgiving Feast to bring together the

themes of family and friendship as our Rocking Horse community gathers to eat together. We hope you are able to attend; keep a lookout for more information coming soon.

We are looking forward to the next few months as we start getting ready for the upcoming holidays. The Ponies have some fun projects coming up including changing leaves and new plants we will work on growing together. We will get the opportunity to plan more activities outside as the weather cools down. We will be collecting leaves so we can make a sensory leaf bag. As we talk about the changing weather, we can feel and see the changes outside. October is very exciting for the Pony classroom. It is our month to decorate the lobby as a class, and we get to be creative and display our artwork for the school to see every day.

Reminders

As the weather changes, please remember to check your child's cubby and refill with cool weather clothing: pants, shirts, socks, etc. Soon, we will need a jacket or sweater for those chilly autumn mornings. As always please remember to label everything that comes into class with your child.

Thank you so much to all of the Pony parents! We are so appreciative for all of the support you give to us each and every day. We look forward to spending a wonderful holiday season with you and your child! Please let us know if you have any questions!