

WRANGLERS

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Wow! Summer came and went, but we are excited to start the new school year! We look forward to our year together as we prepare our Wranglers for Pre-K next summer. We have so much planned for this school year. We are teaching them to be more independent by asking them to put toys away in their correct places after they use them, encouraging them to use the potty on their own and asking for help once they are done, and giving them classroom jobs.

To kick off the start of the school year, we will focus on Back-To-School. As we welcome our new students, we will talk about ourselves: learning about school, our classroom, and our friends. When we learn about ourselves, it is also important to incorporate how we interact with each other which will bring us to our theme on Manners. We will talk about why manners are important, but most of all be kind! Each of these units will focus on the importance of social and emotional development. Getting along with their peers and regulating moods/emotions is a great way to prepare for kindergarten.

Moving on from the classroom, we will learn about Fire Safety, Stranger Danger, and Community Helpers. Every month RHA practices a fire drill, but we will extend this unit by also learning how to dial 9-1-1 when we have an emergency and learning about stop, drop, and roll. Stranger Danger is another part of our safety unit; this gives us a chance to learn how to be safe if a stranger approaches us. We will discuss what to do, who to tell, and figure out who a "safe stranger" is versus a stranger. A stranger is someone we absolutely do not know, but a "safe stranger" is, for example a teacher, doctor, or police officer. This brings us to learning about Community Helpers and why they are so important. When you're out and about, point out the community helpers to your child

to continue the learning at home. Have them tell you their job and why it's important to our community. The purpose of these lessons is to ensure that our children are equipped with this knowledge, so that they will know what to do and be confident in their response to these types of situations if they were to ever occur.

Many holidays are coming up, and we love any reason to celebrate! We will kick fall off by hollowing out a pumpkin and turning it into a volcano. RHA will have a costume parade where your child can wear his/her costume to school for all the other classes and staff to see. As we transition into cooler weather, we will discuss seasons, and holidays traditions for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We will learn about delicious foods we eat during the holidays and share family traditions that are special to each of us. Start gathering your favorite holiday recipes and traditions for your child to share with the class! We will also look at other traditions around the world to learn about diversity. For science, we will make fake snow for our science center and melt an ice cube with salt.

Reviewing

While we have so many fun themes and holidays coming up, we will also still be learning our colors, shapes, letters, letter sounds, numbers in English and Spanish, days of the week in English and Spanish, and the months of the year in English and Spanish. We will introduce scissors and slowly start doing scissor work by first just cutting up some scrap paper that we recycle to use for future crafts before we work our way up to cutting exercise worksheets. Don't forget to send your child with fresh water in a labeled water bottle daily, and sunscreen already applied each morning.