

MUSTANGS

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Happy New Year! We're already halfway through the school year, and our Mustangs are excited for all the new experiences that will help get them ready for Pre-K in the months ahead. Until then, we still have plenty of fun learning to enjoy together!

During the winter months, we'll explore Arctic animals—where they live, what they eat, and how they stay warm in such cold climates. We'll also do an "Arctic Animal Rescue," where each child will receive an ice cube with a small Arctic animal inside. Using water-filled pipettes, the children will practice patience, fine motor skills and count each of their drops outloud as they work to melt the ice and "free" their animals.

As the year continues, we'll learn about diversity with the "white and brown egg" experiment, helping children see that even though we may look different on the outside, we're the same on the inside. We'll also talk about keeping our bodies healthy by eating nutritious snacks and practicing good hygiene like brushing teeth and hand washing. This age is a great time to build routines that encourage lifelong healthy habits. We'll even do a "Germy Hands" experiment so the children can see how long it really takes to wash germs away.

In the spring, we'll bring S.T.E.A.M. activities into the classroom. We'll care for caterpillars and watch them transform into butterflies, and we'll plant lima beans so

the children can observe how they grow from seed to sprout. These hands-on activities help them stay engaged while learning about life cycles in both plants and animals.

Along with all the fun, we also want to support your child's academic success. We'll begin assessments and schedule family-teacher conferences to discuss progress and help prepare for the transition to Pre-K. Families who schedule a conference will receive a report card highlighting their child's growth and goals moving forward. We will be focusing on your child's knowledge of colors, numbers, shapes, letter recognition and phonics to see what topics need to be focused on to get your child to meet their milestones.

We are truly overjoyed to see how much the children have learned and accomplished since the beginning of the year. Thank you for your ongoing support and for trusting us with your amazing children.



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