



# PINTOS

Rocking Horse Review • January - April 2026

**Happy New Year Pintos!** A brand-new year is here, and our classroom is bursting with excitement for all the fun and discovery ahead! Our class has been focusing on building independence, kindness, and teamwork as we begin this next chapter. This month, we will explore hands-on STEAM activities inspired by winter weather with activities such as counting paper snowflakes, make snow, and observe what happens when ice melts in warm water.

During the month of February, we will have group discussions about diversity as this month is Black History month. We will hear about great leaders of our country and some of the wonderful things that they have done, including many brilliant inventors. There are many interesting discussions during Circle Time as it is always a Pinto favorite time of day. It is amazing to hear some of the mature ideas these little minds come up with.

As we prepare to welcome spring, our classroom will explore changes in nature and all the wonderful things that grow, crawl, and bloom! We will sharpen our fine motor skills by using tweezers to pick up pretend "bugs" from sensory bins and cutting paper petals and leaves for spring collages.

As we close out the year, we will continue to work on our colors in English and Spanish, numbers (1-20), letters (as well as signing), and shapes to prepare for our parent/teacher conferences at the beginning of February. We use each of these throughout the day, whether it's counting to our number of the week before our meals or looking for our letter/color of the week on our way to the playground or cafeteria! Our ultimate goal is to have our students count up to 20, be able to recognize some letters of the alphabet, know some letters phonetically and start to work on tracing simple lines.

## 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 please send your child with a labeled water bottle each day (water only).

As always, we are here for any questions or concerns you may have.

You may call during nap time (12:30-2:00), leave a Procare message, or email us at [Pintos@rockinghorseacademy.com](mailto:Pintos@rockinghorseacademy.com)

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