

# COLTS

## Are we ready for some summer fun?

### Busy Fun

The next several months will be busy ones for the Colts class. During the summer months, we will review our colors, shapes and numbers. We reinforce them when we play with our blocks on the floor or work puzzles at the table. We sing songs using colors to help children learn. There are several special days that are coming up. Our Colts will be doing special art projects for these events.

This may be a difficult age for your child and you. This is the age where a lot of biting occurs. Most of the time when biting occurs, it is done because a child cannot vocalize his/her words. This is his/her way of communicating. As a partnership between the families and RHA, we strive to help the children overcome this phase of their lives with positive reinforcement. Some ways to do so are role playing, offering an alternative activity, or gently remind them that teeth are not for biting people or animals; they are for biting food. Offering your child a cold cloth or a teething toy may also help ease the pain associated with teeth coming in.

The STREAM curriculum is a big part of our lesson plans. We do this in many ways. Sorting toys teaches math skills, simple science projects create interest and fascination, and outdoor play builds trust and relationships. It may just look like simple "play," but it's a way to teach and for children to learn. The STREAM program will be used a lot in this area. (Examples: counting steps, how high can you throw a ball, and can you blow/catch bubbles.) Our Colts love art work; this is a great way to introduce them to simple science and math concepts. (Example: What happens when we mix 2 spoons of yellow and 3 spoons of blue paint? Can you stack 5 blocks together?) Play is a child's work, and this is how they learn best.

As always, we will continue to use a lot of repetition with our Colts. This is the best way that children learn the skills that are needed in life. Remember that we are here for your child and you. We may be reached in several ways: our class email ([colts@rockinghorseacademy.com](mailto:colts@rockinghorseacademy.com)), through the Procure, or call during our naptime.

**REMINDERS:** Please remember to apply sunscreen to your little one in the morning. We will gladly re-apply the sunscreen in the afternoon. Remember that we ask for no aerosol sunscreen containers in the school. Please remember to bring a filled water bottle for your child. Our Colts love their water, and we will refill bottles as often as needed. Also, please take your child's cup home daily so that it is cleaned and sanitized properly. We are going through your child's cubby and making sure that he/she has weather and size-appropriate clothing. We ask that you make sure to label all of your child's belongings with his/her name and 1st initial of last name. Lunch boxes and food containers must also be labeled and taken home daily. Please remember to label each diaper with your child's initials. (Several of our little ones have the same size diaper as well as the same brand.)