

ROCKING HORSE REVIEW

● MAY-AUGUST 2026 ●

Important Dates!

Teacher Appreciation Week

May 4- May 7

A celebration of teachers and staff! RHA families will help show our teacher's how much they are appreciated by donating, money, food and time to celebrate our awesome staff.

Meet the Teacher Night

May 7

Take some time out to meet your students next teacher and learn about their classroom. Or visit with past teachers.

Muffins with Mom

May 8

Moms, grandma's, aunt's, and any mom representative, have a muffin in the cafeteria with your student.

Pre-K Graduation Ceremony

May 22

Time for our Pre-K to don their grad caps and gowns and share a farewell pre-k performance for families and friends.

Donuts with Dad

June 19

Dads, grandpa's, uncle's, and any dad representative, have a donut in the cafeteria with your student.

School Closed

- May 25
- July 3
- August 7

Tuition Due Dates

- May 11 & 25
- June 8 & 22
- July 6 & 20
- August 3 & 17

Date Night

- May 9
- June 20
- July 18
- August 22

FOALS 1

Welcome to Summertime! We are looking forward to a world of fun, learning, and growing. Happy Birthday to all our summer babies.

Singing songs is so much fun, especially singing them to the infants. We also like to sing in Spanish. The excitement of their facial expression says it all, along with seeing them moving their hands and feet with joy. We sit with them on the mat and use our singing voices. Singing to your baby is great for his/her brain development. A fun activity we use in the classroom is playing with shakers. We will let the infants explore the different sounds depending on what is inside the shakers while we are singing our songs together.

We will also, use musical instruments like drums or tambourines to make great music together. We talk about the different musical instruments letting the infants enjoy them. There is so much to do with music.

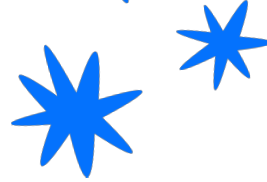
Foals 1 babies will discover all the best parts about summer while their creative expressions and sensory development flourishes with fun art activities making bright yellow suns with our handprints, finger paint a watermelon, and a fish.

Every day we work on language development, social development, physical development, and cognitive development. While most people think we are just playing, we are learning. Language skills are developed through reading and singing. Learning social skills includes responding to our

smiles, laughter, and voices. Physical developmental skills grow when babies begin to push up when lying on their tummy, hold their head steady without support, roll over from tummy to back, begin to sit with support, rock back and forth, and sometimes crawl backward before moving forward. Cognitive development occurs in an infant when he/she focuses on moving objects, responding to his/her environment with facial expressions, recognizing and reacting to familiar sounds, and responding to the facial expressions of other people.

Babies get constant exercise by going through their regular, daily routine. Everyday each baby spends tummy time on the mat to strengthen back and leg muscles. During feeding time, we practice putting their hands on the bottle to eventually learn to self-feed. Once your child is 4 months old, he or she will get exercise time in the exersaucers. You will see that hard work pays off as your baby builds muscle and becomes mobile.

As always, our babies are learning about themselves, their world and their abilities. We are here to help and encourage them to reach their goals. If you have any questions comments suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.



FOALS 2

Ready, Set, Dive into Summer Fun!

We are looking forward to a world fun, learning, and growing these next few months in Foals 2.

Summer will be in full swing with lots of different activities for your child. Ocean and Beach themes are part of the monthly themes. Rolling, throwing, chasing, and catching a beach ball will improve your baby's gross motor skills. (This will get those large muscles moving and will help your child gain strength and confidence in his/her own body.)

"Sandcastle" blocks and stacking cups skills promote cognitive development; your baby will have to concentrate on carefully stacking them and then use problem-solving skills to work out how to build the stack without toppling it over. Sensory bottles filled with water or sand along with beach elements will nourish social and emotional development.

Foals 2 babies will further enhance their language skills with an array of books, Spanish

words and songs geared towards our monthly themes. ("Baby Loves Summer", "Baby Beluga" are a few books we will read. Agua-Water and Playa-Beach are some Spanish words we will teach your child.)

Let's not forget about the creative expression and sensory development aspect of learning. Foals 2 babies will be exploring with fingerpaint and ink pads, making yellow suns, watermelons, and hot air balloons are just a few activities we have planned for Foals 2.

Don't forget the sunblock lotion (no sprays, please)! We will be sure to journey to the atrium, if we are able to, so that your child may have some fun in the sun. You apply in the morning, and we will gladly reapply in the afternoon. You must provide the sunscreen with a permission notice.

Always remember, a child's work is play. (This is how they learn skills needed later on in life)



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), 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.)

PONIES

Let's Work Together!

The Ponies are very excited to see that spring has arrived, and we are anxiously awaiting summer! Parents, as the weather warms up, please check your Pony's cubby to make sure s/he has cool attire and that clothing fits properly. Keeping your little Pony hydrated is very important to us, so please be sure to bring a labeled water cup for your child each day. Also, as the children begin wearing their new summer clothes, please remember that for their safety, it is recommended to always bring them to school in closed toe shoes (preferably tennis shoes). Finally, with hot sunny days, it's very important to use sunscreen. We will be checking for a sunscreen consent form in your file and we'll also let you know if your Pony is running low on sunscreen.

Summer Fun & Learning

In May, the Ponies will turn our classroom into a zoo as we talk about the different types of animals that live there like the tall giraffe and the mighty tiger. We will learn to identify the animals in Spanish, English and Sign Language. We'll continue the study of the animal kingdom by exploring the jungle and the forest and discover that our animal friends live in trees, underground, and even in caves. What do our friends eat and what kind of sounds do they make? We'll also focus on pets and encourage using "soft hands" with our furry friends. We will even try to walk on four legs, just like our favorite animals!

In June, our adorable Ponies will learn about Transportation, Tools, and Dinosaurs. Your Pony will learn how to say bus-autobus, car-carro, and airplane-avion in English and Spanish. We will sing, "Wheels on the Bus" and look for buses at Negley while we play on the toddler playground. We will also practice symbolic play by using different types of objects such as cars, trains, and airplanes. We'll continue to work with our shapes: the circle, the square, the triangle, and the rectangle and use these shapes to build cars and trains. For example we will make circles into tires, triangles for airplane wings, and rectangles for a bus or car body. The final week in June will be spent learning about dinosaurs!

During July, we will learn about Ocean Life, Summer Fun, and American History. The Ponies will dive into learning all about ocean life, and discuss all kinds of fun summer activities. We plan to transform our room into an ocean, and the children will learn words that pertain to ocean life in both English and Spanish, like fish-pez, sand-arena, water-agua, and hot-calor. We'll also talk about family vacations and discover why some families travel to the beach while other folks travel to visit friends and family in far off places.

Together we will be focusing on and exploring our five senses in new and exciting ways everyday. Our favorite way to explore the world around us is our sensory manipulatives we use in the class everyday. We will often play with shaving cream, water tables, chalk and so much more. With hot summer days approaching, we will begin to play more with water outside and cooling objects inside. Talking about and touching different textures and objects to further our sensory exploration is our Pony's favorite way to spark some interest and stimulate imagination.

We are excited about all the upcoming fun we will have together in the Pony classroom this summer! Helping your little one grow and learn everyday is such a joy. Please feel free to reach

out to us through Procure or even give us a call if you have any questions. We hope you have a wonderful and cool summer!

CHARGERS 1

Hello Chargers 1 Families!

We are so excited to share all the wonderful learning experiences happening in our toddler classroom. Each day, we focus on building strong early learning foundations through STEAM activities, along with practicing our ABCs, 123s, shapes, and colors. Through hands-on play, songs, and interactive experiences, the children are developing important skills in early literacy, math, creativity, and problem-solving while having fun and exploring the world around them. Our goal is to create a nurturing and engaging environment where each child can grow socially, emotionally, and academically at their own pace while gaining confidence in their abilities.

Over the next few months, we have many exciting themes planned to keep learning meaningful and fun. In May, we will explore Transportation and Maps, as well as Inventions and Technology. During this time, children will create simple road maps using tape and toy cars to learn about direction and movement, build their own vehicles using blocks and recycled materials to encourage creativity and engineering skills, and explore cause-and-effect through basic technology toys and activities. In June, we will celebrate Summer Fun with themes

such as the ocean, beach, and camping. Children will enjoy hands-on sensory play with water tables and ocean-themed bins, participate in pretend camping with tents, flashlights, and storytelling, and explore sand play along with beach-inspired crafts. In July, we will introduce American History and Space by engaging in patriotic art activities, music, and storytelling, while also learning about the moon, stars, and planets through interactive play and building their own "rocket ships." In August, our focus will shift to Safari and Jungle Animals, Pets, and Dinosaurs. Children will take part in animal movement and sound activities, learn how to care for pets through imaginative role play, and enjoy exciting dinosaur digs and fossil exploration through sensory bins. We are so excited for all the fun, learning, and growth the next few months will bring! Each theme is thoughtfully planned to spark curiosity, creativity, and hands-on exploration for every child, and we look forward to watching the children discover new interests, build confidence, and create joyful memories along the way. Thank you for being a part of our classroom community—we can't wait to share these experiences with your little ones!

Potty training is an exciting milestone, but it takes time, patience, and consistency. Every child is different. In this classroom, we encourage all children to become familiar with the potty area. To support this process, we will gently let your child know, "It's time to try," and invite them to sit on the potty during diaper changes. This helps introduce the routine in a positive way. Toddlers love to practice their newfound independence by "doing it myself," and dressing your child in clothing that is easy to pull up and down helps them build self-independence. Being consistent at home, as we are at school, along with strong communication with you (the family), is key. Please let us know if there is anything we can do to make this process easier for you. We are excited for your little one to start this "big kid" journey!

CHARGERS 2

Full S-T-R-E-A-M- Ahead!

May the warm weather make way for summer fun! The cold is finally sailing away. Chargers 2 can't wait for all of the activities that summer brings.

We will continue going over our ABC's, numbers, colors, and shapes together as well as sign language. Flash cards are used during circle time to help your child learn his/her basics along with learning them in Spanish. Not only are we learning during this time, we are also emotionally connecting with your child and creating healthy relationships.

We continue full STREAM ahead with concepts that involve science, technology, reading, engineering, art and math. For math we incorporate manipulatives that we have in class to count to our number of the week. You may have noticed your child counting on his/her fingers and patting his/her legs while singing his/her ABC's. This is how our circle time goes; the children enjoy it so much with the extra movement.

We plan to use our engineering and technology skills to make our own maps in the coming months. This is always so much fun, as we let the children "go free" with their maps. Your child will be asked where he/she would like to go, then we will draw our map out in the way your child explains. When this is all finished, we will show our maps to the class, grab some cars, and travel down our maps. This also allows your child to use his/her creativity. This will be such a fun classroom activity to do together, while you can also do so at home!

With summer quickly approaching, this means we get to dive right into ocean and pond life. Our friends love water-themed activities. No worries, no pools or large bodies of water will be involved, instead we will use our sensory bin. We will have hands-on learning about our ocean theme, including building coral reefs with Play-doh, sand and sea squish bags and exploring sea shells together. And, of course, be looking for beautiful artwork to go along with our ocean themes. For pond life we will make Lily Pads, cat tails, and learn about algae that grows and what it feels like. This will be a sensory learning experience.

Let's Work Together!

Please remember to apply sunscreen to your child before arriving at school; we will reapply sunscreen before going outside in the afternoon. If your child needs a hat, please feel free to send it so your child can wear it outside. Always send your child to school with a fresh water bottle.

Label, label, label! Frequently, we have multiple students with the same belongings; this is why it is important to have every item of your child's with a label. Thank you for your cooperation.

Potty Training

As you know, we continue to work on potty training. Some may be ready, some may not be, and

that is okay! We don't want to force this on your child but want him/her to be aware. If your child

is already familiar and going at home, please let us know so we can continue at school, and vice

versa. We cheer on each child the same! Accidents do and will happen, and we use positive

reinforcement during an accident.

We do not want to scare our Chargers or make them feel

disciplined for an accident.. We allow 2 accidents in underwear, then we switch back to a pullup

for the rest of that day. Please bring several bottoms as backup.

PINTOS

Meeting Information

The birds are singing, the sky is bright, the sun is shining, it's springtime! We will have some fun and exciting activities going on in our Pinto classroom. We will continue using circle time to review some of our colors: green, pink and purple, numbers 1-20 and review the days of the week and months - of the year. Our Pintos love our Alphabet Soup Cans to go over our letter of the week. The anticipation of what's in the can is so much fun. Our new song box is a big hit, and the children love to pick their favorite at circle time such as Good Morning How Are You? Jump Up and Down, and Mr. Clown.

Our STREAM concepts of science, technology, engineering, art, and math are used daily but a big focus on science and engineering will come to play when we work on conducting hypotheses and inventions. We will use everyday items in our classroom to do projects/predictions such as "sink or float", and doing "Weather in a cup" to learn about color theory and coloring mixing.

Before you know it, summer will be here, and we will get to dive into ocean life. Our science center will come alive with some real starfish, and we will take a trip to the lobby to see the living fish and explore their home, along with some beautiful seashells that we will take a closer look at using our magnifying glasses.

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.

Let's Work Together

Please remember to label everything, including your child's bedding and apply sunscreen every morning. We will use the sunscreen that you provide in the afternoons before going outside, remember no aerosol allowed. Please send your child with a labeled water bottle each day (water only). We recommend adding ice to keep it cooler. As always, we are here for any questions or concerns you may have. You may call during nap time (1-2:00), leave a Procure message, or email us at Pintos@rockinghorseacademy.com




WRANGLERS



May is here, but the fun and learning hasn't ended...yet!

We have more exciting learning themes, and a few more celebrations before we say goodbye to our current Mighty Wranglers as they get ready to transition into Broncos and Trotter, Pre-K.

We will kick off our learning with the themes of transportation and maps; we will sort our transportation center toys by land, air, and water to discuss the different ways we can travel. We will do a "car wash" activity where we put cars in shaving cream, and the students will "wash" the cars. As we wrap up transportation and maps, we will set all our chairs up around the classroom to make a train and discuss all the places we can visit on our "train ride". We end May with the learning themes of inventions and technology. We will turn our art center into an inventions center for our Wranglers to use their imagination and create their own inventions, talk about famous inventors along with their inventions, and compare inventions from the past to our current time. We will also do the Potato Light Bulb Experiment which shows how our electrical currents work.




Before you know it, we will be welcoming our new Wranglers, along with summer. We will discuss all the topics of summer fun, but first we prepare ourselves to beat the heat with a lesson on sun safety. We will do an experiment with sunscreen by applying it to one half of a colored paper and leaving the other half untreated, and then left out in the sun. This will give our Wranglers a visible example of the power of the sun. We will also go camping in class, and even make s'mores!

As the temperature rises, so does our fun! We celebrate 4th of July with our learning theme of American History. We will talk about the holiday and why we celebrate it during circle time. We will also do a science experiment of fireworks in a glass. We will then prepare to travel into space by talking about Niel Armstrong; the first person to walk on the moon. To conclude our summer fun topics, we will celebrate with an ice cream party equipped with sprinkles, fruits, and yummy syrups.

As summer comes to an end, the fun doesn't. We will discuss the topics of safari and jungle animals, pets, and dinosaurs. We will sort the animals we have in our centers into safari animals and jungle animals. We will do a class survey of our pets and pet names, and dinosaur shadow drawing with sidewalk chalk.

Pre-K Ready!

We will continue to help our Wranglers to become more independent to be ready for their transition into Broncos and Trotters. Remind them of their manners and to use them at home as well as school and always encourage them to make good choices. Families don't forget to send a labeled water bottle with fresh water ONLY every day and apply sunscreen each morning. We cannot wait to meet our new Wranglers, and to have another great school year!



MUSTANGS

Let's Get Pre-K Ready!

It's hard to believe we are so close to being halfway through 2026! The next few months are going to be full of fun and lots of exciting activities. The Mustangs class will be kicking things off with letter recognition, small sight words, and scissor cutting activities to help prepare them for Pre-K in May!

Beginning in May, STREAM will play a big part in our themes, like Maps and Transportation. We will create a special treasure map and use our awesome map reading skills to find north on a compass. We will zoom across the globe using Google Earth to see faraway places and amazing sights like Machu Pichu, The Great Pyramid of Giza, The Leaning Tower of Pisa, and The Eiffel Tower! We will utilize our math skills to chart the different types of vehicles and categorize what type of transportation each vehicle represents. We will create our very own Mustangs City using street magnet tiles and colorful magnet tiles to build our roads and buildings!

After we are all mapped out, we will move into Summer Fun! Students will explore the deep sea and look for the sea creatures that lurk in the deepest parts of the ocean. We will use our thumbprint for fireflies' art to help us with our counting skills while we learn how these glowing insects can be seen most. Our sensory bin will be utilized to have our friends discover the beautiful seashells, boats, seaweed and marine life that reside on the beach!

Fireworks aren't the only things in the sky in July, as we will blast off into outer space

and learn about the solar system to create constellations with star stickers and pretend to be astronauts as we watch a NASA blast off on the projector! We will learn about the differences and similarities between stars and planets. The Mustangs will build a rocket ship from recycled items to travel through our solar system on our projector!

As we travel through space, it's only right that we travel through time! We will use the awesome StoryBots Thinkers Time Machine and go back in time to visit the dinosaurs! We will learn which dinosaur was the smallest and see if we can outrun the fastest. We will use Google Maps to show the 7 Wonders of the Modern World!

Speaking of the modern world, Women's History month is in August, and we will read a story about the amazing Ruth Bader Ginsburg. Ruth was the second female and the first Jewish female Justice of the Supreme Court. We want to include the first female Vice President (2021-2024), Madam Vice President Kamala Harris, and the first woman in space, Sally Ride, to our lessons on amazing women in our country to highlight their success in history!

We cannot wait to see how the children continue to learn and grow over the next few months! We will continue to cherish our time together as we strive for success as a class. Thank you for all the constant support and love! You are greatly appreciated!

TROTTERS

Pre-K Kick Off

To start off May, the Pre-K class will be taking a field trip to the San Antonio Zoo! This is something that we talk about throughout the year and look forward to. We all love talking about it the following week.

At the end of May, we will welcome the new Pre-K class, and we cannot wait! We are ready to educate and get your sweet babies ready for kindergarten.

Some of the things we will focus on first will be learning how to follow classroom rules, understanding expectations, respect for others and most importantly, self-regulation. We, as Trotters teachers, believe that this is the recipe for a well-run classroom. In June we will learn about the beach, ocean, and camping. One of the fun activities I always like to show the children is making s'mores during our camping week. We learn how to make s'mores outside by using only a cardboard box, foil and the ingredients for our yummy snack, and, of course, the sun. Another fun lesson that I'm sure the children will love is dinosaur week. We discuss a variety of dinosaurs and learn about the paleontologists and how they discover the fossils. During this time, we also learn the concept of graphing. We will ask the class which dinosaur is their favorite and learn how to graph and count to see which dinosaur is the most liked in our class.

As stated above, one of the skills we will practice daily is self-regulation. Self-regulation is the ability to calm yourself down when you are upset, handle frustrations, and learn to be patient and listen to others. Some ways we will teach this is simply by talking to the children and modeling it

Hello Trotter families!

I can't believe this school year has come to an end, and your children are ready to start their next chapter in their academic career. This past year has been such a blessing getting to know your sweet babies and grow a relationship with them as well as with your family. We Trotter teachers would like to thank you so much for trusting us to be a part of your village. We are also looking forward to graduation so you can finally see what we have been working on. The children are so excited to head off to "big kid school" and come May 22nd, they will officially be Corral Kids! Please keep in mind that you do have to enroll your children for Corral Kids.

throughout the day. Not all strategies work for everyone so once we get to know your child, we will be able to see how he/she can learn to self-regulate if needed.

During the summer, we will review the alphabet, numbers 1-10, and colors. Once the new school year starts in August, we will start our Big Day curriculum. We focus a lot on cognitive skills as well as writing, compound words and some math. In order to know where your child is academically, we will start on doing some simple assessments to see how we can form small groups throughout the year. Once again, we are excited to send our students off to kindergarten to start this next chapter and gain the new class so they can finish their last year at Rocking Horse.

BRONCOS

Hello Families!

Busy Fun

With the end of the school year approaching, I just want to say that the Broncos class has come a long way since its start last summer. It is truly an honor to watch these amazing children grow in just one year into such inquisitive children and to be able to work in their preparation for kindergarten. I would like to thank all the families for all the work they have put into making sure this has been their best year yet.

Graduation month has finally arrived, and we are excited to show you what your children have worked so hard to showcase for you on this momentous day. We have an event planned to celebrate our hard working Broncos in the weeks following our Pre-K Graduation. We will have a class trip to the San Antonio Zoo and have an End-of-the-year celebration. It is with mixed joy and sadness as our 2025-2026 Broncos leave us for kindergarten, but we know that they will do great. The Broncos teachers will be looking forward to welcoming a new group of Broncos, the class of 2026-2027. We are excited to meet and get to know these new students and their families. Once they are settled in and get to know each other, we will begin working towards understanding classroom rules and routines. Throughout the year, we will also work on social skills, manners, problem solving and learning to work both independently and in groups.

Broncos will be starting the Big Day Scholastic Pre-K curriculum at the beginning of the school

year. We don't take summers off from school; learning must be a part of everyday life! This summer will grab our backpacks and maps and become explorers! Our lesson plans will take us through many different adventures starting with exploring different types of animals from the jungle to under the sea. A fun activity we will do is the saltwater experiment. We will add some salt and water, baking soda with water and regular water to cups. We will then see which cup small objects sink or float. The children will learn that salt water is more dense than normal water, so things float in salt water.

Another fun summer activity is to go camping, so we will have a "camp-out" in the classroom and eat s'mores. As we learn all about camping and camping safety, we will go on a scavenger hunt and use our binoculars we made out of toilet paper rolls and look up at the stars. Looking up at the stars will then lead us to my favorite adventure of all, our planets! We will not only learn about the different planets that make up our solar system, but we will also work together as a class to make our own solar system display. One of the fun activities we'll do is make our own moon rocks. It is very hands-on, and the children will practice fine motor skills by rolling the materials into a ball and then using a dropper to drop vinegar onto their moon rock creating craters. Once we roll into August, children will get into gear and begin our journey into the school year, where we will then start our fall curriculum which will include STEAM activities and kindergarten practices.

REMINDERS: Families, please don't forget we live in the greatest state of Texas, and the sun will be shining well into the school year. Please allow extra time to pack a water bottle with only water inside everyday and to apply sunscreen each morning at home before school. We play outside twice a day, so please bring a bottle of sunscreen to keep in the classroom (NO AEROSOL ALLOWED). Make sure your child's personal belongings are labelled with his/her first name and first letter of their last name. If you have any questions, comments or concerns, please feel free to contact me. I look forward to the upcoming months.

Ms. Miriam ● Ms. Norma ● Ms. Denise

CORRAL KIDS

Summer Camp is Right Around the Corner! We are so excited to have the best summer ever with you! This summer, Corral Kids will enjoy weekly field trips, swim days, STREAM activities, art, and so much more. To help both our families and campers prepare for a fun-filled summer, we've highlighted important information below to help everything run smoothly.

Field Trips

Field Trips

All groups will attend field trips this summer:

- Group 1 & 2: Tuesdays • Group 3 & 4: Wednesdays

Permission slips will be provided weekly. Any special items needed as well as departure times will be listed on the slip and sent via Procure. Campers must wear their blue Corral Kids T-shirt on field trips.

Swimming

Swim days are at James Atkins Pool from 1:30 PM–3:30 PM:

- Group 1 & 2: Thursdays • Group 3 & 4: Fridays

Kindergarten – 1st Grade & Non-swimmers:

Children must bring a Coast Guard-approved life vest from home.

2nd – 5th Grade:

On your child's first pool visit, the lifeguards will have each child participate in a swim test to determine their water proficiency. If your child passes, they will receive a wristband allowing them to participate in swimming day without a life vest. If your child does not feel comfortable as a swimmer attempting the required swimming test, please let us know, and they can opt in to wear a life jacket without taking the swim test.

Don't Forget Your Pool Essentials!

- Coast Guard-approved life vest (if required)
- Towel
- Swimsuit
- Corral Kids T-shirt
- Flip-flops (pool use only)
- Goggles (optional)

Helpful Tip: We recommend having your child wear their swimsuit under their clothes on swim days. Please also send a change of clothes and underwear. A plastic bag is helpful for storing wet items.

Sunscreen Policy

Sunscreen is an important part of our daily routine to help protect campers while spending time outdoors. Rocking Horse Academy provides Banana Boat Sport SPF 50+ sunscreen, which offers broad-spectrum UVA/UVB protection and is designed to be long-lasting and non-greasy.

If you would like your child to use the sunscreen provided by the camp, a Sunscreen Permission Slip must be signed and returned on your child's first day of camp. If you prefer your child to use a personal sunscreen, please send a lotion-based sunscreen labeled with your child's full name. This will be kept at camp for regular use throughout the summer.

Please Note: We ask that all children arrive at camp each day with sunscreen already applied. Camp staff will reapply sunscreen in the afternoon prior to our outside time.

Morning Drop-Off

Children may be dropped off as early as 6:30 AM. At that time, all students will meet in the Corral Kid's classroom with the opening camp counselor. Weather permitting, children will visit the playground from 7:45AM–8:15AM.

Lunch & Snacks

A snack will be provided daily at 9:00 AM and again at 3:15 PM. Lunches will be available for purchase, or your child may bring lunch from home. Please let your child's morning teacher know which option your child will have. Our menu will be posted on bulletin boards around the gym and in front of the Corral Kid's classroom.

Water Bottles

Reusable water bottles should be sent daily and labeled with your child's first name and last initial. Please take them home each day to be washed and returned the next day.

Appropriate Attire

Flip-flops are NOT allowed, except at the pool. All campers must wear tennis shoes or closed-toe shoes for safety. Children without proper footwear will not be allowed on the playscape and may be unable to participate in field trips. Water bottles should be sent daily and labeled with your child's first name and last initial. Please take them home each day to be washed and returned the next day.

Items from Home

Toys, gaming devices, stuffed animals, electronics, cell phones, iPads, etc., are NOT allowed. Any prohibited items will be held by Ms. Kira until the end of the day. We appreciate your help in checking your child's belongings before drop-off. We are not responsible for any loss or damage of personal items.

Rest Time & Fun Friday

Campers will have a daily 30-minute rest time after lunch. This is not nap time, but a chance to relax and recharge for afternoon activities.

Each Friday, we will also celebrate "Fun Friday" with special activities like face painting or games.

Movie Days

All groups will have a weekly movie. A movie schedule will be shared in advance.

- Group 3 & 4: Thursdays • Group 1 & 2: Fridays