

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-peiz, 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!