



# Rocking Horse Review

May - August  
2019

## LET THE SUMMER BEGIN!

Summer is here and once again we celebrate the turning of the seasons. We had a busy spring wrapping up parent-teacher conferences, hosting our annual scholastic book fair for Read Across America Week (we were able to purchase over \$1,725 in books for all of the classrooms!), enjoying spring parties and egg hunts, taking individual spring portraits with 512 Portrait Company, and celebrating Week of the Young Child with various activities and a carnival.



We are all ready for warm sunny and maybe even hot weather, along with outdoor activities, fun crafts and much more. Our Rocking Horse Academy teachers have so much in store for this summer, and we are grateful that our parents can honor them during Teacher Appreciation week in May for all the work they do throughout the year. RHA will also have the privilege of celebrating moms and dads by inviting you all to Muffins with Moms in May and Donuts with Dad in June. We can't overlook one of our favorite events at Rocking Horse Academy: our Pre-K Graduation and Reception. Our staff works diligently along with our students to make this a day to remember. Please check our calendar for all event dates.

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## ARE WE THERE YET?

Summer is synonymous with VACATION and for a lot of our Rocking Horse families that can also mean travel time. Traveling in any form can be stressful and our children can sometimes make it an added challenge.

Planning ahead is important and to help all of us out Ms. Jane has compiled an assortment of cool ideas. Look for these TIPS to put fun into your TriPS throughout this newsletter.



# IMPORTANT

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## RHA EVENTS

- Teacher Appreciation Week  
May 6th - 10th
- Muffins with Mom  
May 10th
- RHA Graduation  
May 24th
- RHA Summer Camp Starts  
June 10th
- Donuts with Dad  
June 14th

## TUITION DUE

MAY	6 <sup>TH</sup> , 20 <sup>TH</sup>
JUNE	3 <sup>RD</sup> , 17 <sup>TH</sup>
JULY	15 <sup>TH</sup> , 29 <sup>TH</sup>
AUGUST	12 <sup>TH</sup> , 26 <sup>TH</sup>

BACK TO SCHOOL AUGUST 26<sup>TH</sup>

## DATE NIGHT

MAY	18 <sup>TH</sup>
JUNE	15 <sup>TH</sup>
JULY	20 <sup>TH</sup>
AUGUST	17 <sup>TH</sup>

## SCHOOL CLOSED

MAY	27 <sup>TH</sup>
JULY	4 <sup>TH</sup>
AUGUST	19 <sup>TH</sup>



# FOALS I

Welcome to Summertime! How time flies when you are having fun! Happy Birthday to all our summer babies. We are going to have a great time these next 4 months.

Singing songs is so much fun, especially singing them to the infants. 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. Songs we like to sing are "Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star," "Old McDonald," "Itsy Bitsy Spider," and "Row, Row, Row Your Boat." Singing to your baby is great for their brain development; it also helps the infant's cognitive development. We use musical instruments like drums or tambourines to make great music together. We talk about the different musical instruments and let the infants explore them. There is so much to do with music. Another fun activity we use in the classroom is playing with shakers. We let the infants explore the different sounds depending on what's inside the toy while we are singing our songs together. We can talk about what the colors we see inside the shakers.



We use several themes during the summer months: Summer Fun, Ocean, and Beach. For the theme of Ocean, we will read a book *Bubble Fun*. We will make a fish and octopus with our hands for an art project. We will also work on our gross motor skills by popping bubbles. Our next theme is a day at the Beach, so we will play catch and roll with a beach ball. We will also play with a pail and shovel by scooping up toys and putting them in the pail. For art we will paint a beach ball and make a crab with our hands. We will work on our fine motor skills by looking at books about Beaches. Our last theme is Summer Fun. We will make a watermelon and ice cream cones for art.

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 questions comments suggestions or concerns, please feel free to contact us.

-Foals I Teachers



## MS. JANE'S TRIP TIPS

Pack the kid's stuff on top so it's easiest and quickest to get to. Use a small shoe storage baggage hanging from the headrest on the backs of the front seats to hold books, snacks and water.



# FOALS 2



Ready, set Summertime! We are looking forward to a world of fun, learning, and growing these next few months in Foals 2. Let the adventures begin!

Summer will be in full swing as we focus on the Ocean and Beach as part of our monthly themes. Rolling and throwing a beach ball and building "sand castles" with stacking cups are in our summer playbook. Beach ball rolling will improve your baby's gross motor skills. Chasing after the ball and trying to catch or hold it gets those large muscles moving and helps your baby gain strength and confidence in his/her body. "Sand castle" stacking cups skills promote cognitive development; they'll have to concentrate on carefully stacking them, and use problem-solving skills to work out how to build the stack without it toppling. These activities are very easy to recreate at home to further support your growing baby's development. It's not just playing, it's learning! Sensory bottles filled with water and beach elements will nourish social and emotional development and coincide with the babies learning the Spanish words: playa - beach and agua - water. We have an array of books to boost language development along with our Summer Fun theme with our favorites being "Baby Beluga" and "Baby Loves Summer." Foals 2 babies will discover all the best parts about summer while their creative expression and sensory development flourish with fun art activities, making bright yellow suns with our hands and finger paint as well as watermelons, and hot air balloons. Every experience entails learning in our room.

We will be sure to journey outdoors to our atrium, so all our babies can have a little fun in the sun as well. Don't forget the sunblock lotion (no sprays)! You apply in the mornings before school. We will apply in the afternoons before we go for a walk or to the atrium. You must provide the sunscreen with a permission notice.

-Did you know "Baby Beluga" is also a song? It's a joy to see each baby's eyes light up when we sing to them. Singing has so many great benefits for your baby's development; it teaches them new words, rhythm & rhyming and listening skills. Singing also creates a bond between baby and caregiver, so though we may not all be American Idols, our Foals 2 teachers make sure to belt out a tune or two throughout the day.-

## Teething Tribulations

Teething is a common occurrence among our Foals 2 cohorts and can cause some discomfort for your little one. Baby teeth, which can appear from as young as 3 months or even as old as 12 to 14 months, will start to grow and eventually must break through the gums. This can cause swelling and soreness just before the tooth comes through. Symptoms often show up about three to five days before the tooth is visible.

### SIGNS OF TEETHING AND SOOTHING SUGGESTIONS:

**MORE BITING.** Teething babies may bite on their toys or even friends to help relieve the pressure they feel on their gums. Offering a chilled teething toy can curtail the urge to bite while soothing their gums.

**LOSS OF APPETITE.** Babies may lose their appetite or refuse to eat and drink because their mouth hurts. Give your baby chilled fruit to help with teething relief and encourage appetite. (To help prevent choking, place the fruit in a mesh feeder, and give that to your baby to lick or suck on.)

**MORE DROOLING.** Excessive drooling may cause a mild rash around the baby's mouth, chin and chest. Wipe the drool away to prevent irritation. Gently wipe often enough to help prevent any rash or irritation, but not so often that you create additional irritation.

**IRRITABILITY.** Your little one can be fussy or cranky when new teeth are on their way. Sore gums that come with teething are likely to make your baby feel more than a little irritable. Keeping your teething baby distracted or comforting her/him with snuggling can sometimes help with the pain.

**TEETHING FEVER.** It's possible that a baby who is teething may have a slightly elevated body temperature, sometimes known as teething fever. However, a true fever — a temperature over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit — is not associated with teething and could be the sign of an illness or infection that may require treatment. Contact your baby's healthcare provider if your baby is clearly uncomfortable, if the fever persists or is greater than 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit, or if your baby has any other symptoms of illness.



# COLTS

## Good to Know

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. 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 remember to take your child's cup home daily so that it may be cleaned and sanitized properly. If you have not done so already, please check your child's cubby hole and make sure he/she has appropriate clothing. We ask that you make sure to label all of your child's belongings with his/her name and 1<sup>st</sup> initial of last name. Lunch boxes and food containers must also be labeled and taken home daily.

The Colts will be going to our playground more often. During our outdoor time, we will be working on our large motor skills. Just a friendly reminder, please send your child in closed-toed shoes. We want to protect our little ones from injury.

Are we ready for some summer fun?

The next several months will be busy ones for the Colts class. During the summer months, we will review our colors, shapes, Spanish words, and signs. We reinforce them when we play with our blocks on the floor, or push that yellow doggie around the room. We sing songs using colors or sounds to help children learn. There are several special days that are coming up. Our Colts will be making special art projects for these events

The STEAM 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 Colts will be using our playground more often. The STEAM 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). Play is a child's work, and this is how they learn best.

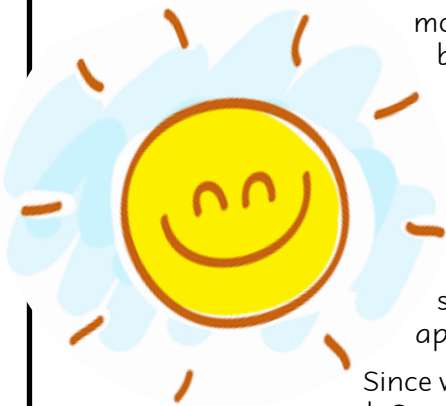
As always, we will continue to use a lot of repetition with our Colts. This is the best way that children learn the skills that are needed in life. Remember that we are here for your child and you. Questions, comments, and concerns will always be addressed in a timely manner.

Thank-you,  
Ms. Barbara and the Colts teachers



**This is 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.**

# PONIES



Summer is near! We are so excited for warmer weather and being able to spend more time outside. The next few months are exciting times as we see flowers in bloom, birds singing, and the sun shining. We are planning some fun activities outside to enjoy the beautiful weather. As always, we will continue learning our sign language, Spanish words, and review our basics: letters, numbers, shapes, and colors.

With the warmer weather approaching, please make sure your Pony has weather-appropriate clothing and shoes, as well as making sure everything is labeled. It's a good idea to do a cubby check periodically to make sure there is a change of clothes and that they are weather and size-appropriate.

Since we will be spending more time outside, we will start having water-play days once a week. Small buckets, scoops, sponges, and water toys will be available in the atrium for water fun. We will send out more information as the time gets closer.

The Ponies are continuing our STEAM (science, technology, engineering, art, and math) concept in our classroom, focusing on Art the next few months. Art in the Pony classroom is always a fun time and consists of the use of watercolors, paint, shaving cream, crayons, playdoh, sidewalk chalk and MORE! We provide various "tools" for the Ponies to explore, such as stampers, paint brushes in different sizes, sponges, feathers, and strings, for example. Be on the lookout for some amazing projects.

Mother's Day is soon; the children will be working on an extra-special top-secret project. We can't forget Dad's, so no matter who drops-off during that time, please no peeking when entering the Pony classroom.

We are doing some exciting activities in the Pony room and can't wait to get started. Thank you so much for all your help and we hope you enjoy a wonderful summer!

Pony Teachers

## MS. JANE'S TRIP TIPS

Before climbing into a car or boarding a plane, take some time to run around and make silly noises.

Burn a little energy.



## Diaper Duty

There have been questions lately about diapers and wipes. We have 6 scheduled diaper changes a day. Diapers are also checked periodically throughout the day. So, your child can potentially use 5 to 7 diapers a day. I check supplies on Monday and try my very best to give you 2-days' notice to bring in supplies. We also ask that all diapers be labeled with your child's initial. At the moment, we have several students with the same initials so please make sure you also label the outer package. If you have any questions regarding diapers, please let me know.

# CHARGERS 1

Chargers 1 has some awesome things coming up in the next coming months. One of our primary focuses will be TRANSPORTATION. We will be learning about how we travel from place to place by land, air and water. Overlapping with our transportation theme this summer, we will also be learning about tools and maps. Learning the names of different types of tools which we use to fix cars, trucks, boats and planes is important and exploring maps and the places they can lead us using different forms of transportation is an adventure. Looking at maps will allow us to discover how we travel to states, cities and counties. Summertime is a busy season for family vacations which is also a good opportunity for parents to reinforce the things we are learning in our Chargers 1 classroom. Talking about the modes of transportation you will be taking on your next destination or looking at maps of where you will introduces your vocabulary and extending the beyond our class-



be going in-  
child to new  
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lesson be-  
room.

## MS. JANE'S TRIP TIPS

- Invest in a child locator. A small fob-like keychain attached to your child's clothing allows you to use your phone to locate your child if you do get separated. Another quick way ' is to write your phone number and name on your child's arm in case he/she gets separated.



## Good to Know

An ongoing learning experience for the Chargers 1 class is potty training. We will be working very hard on potty training to prepare all our friends for "big-boy" and "big-girl" underwear so we can say bye-bye to diapers and Pull-Ups. We encourage our children with positive guidance. Introducing potty training by providing a potty chair in the bathroom with a sturdy stepstool encourages self-help for going potty independently, as well as hand-washing.

With the summer sun comes sunburns. Please be sure to apply sunscreen in the mornings before you arrive. We will apply sunscreen provided by you in the afternoons after nap before playground time. We must have a signed permission slip for us to use your sunscreen on your child. Also remember, NO SPRAY sunscreen. Only cream/lotion types can be used.

Don't forget to take home your water bottle every night and return it the next day with fresh, cold water. We suggest that you put a small amount in the bottle at night and put it in the freezer. That helps keep water colder throughout the day.

Label everything.

Ms. Laurie, Ms. Sarah

# CHARGERS 2

Warmer temperatures can only mean spring has bloomed and summer is almost here. Summer is a good time for DIY projects at home, so we will begin learning more about tools. We will talk about how to be safe when using tools and make tall buildings with our "toy" tools, decorated construction hats, and "tool boxes."

Travel is a summer favorite. We will talk about Transportation and the different ways you can travel somewhere. We will also construct a "big car" and pretend we are taking a trip. If you are taking a trip this summer, maybe get an old fashioned map and highlight your route.

Another fun vacation destination is the Ocean, and we learn a lot about ocean life and see how big we are compared to the size of an actual Whale. We will pretend we are at the beach and have a "water play day" with buckets, shovels, beach balls and water, of course, in our sensory tables. We will also go on a hike and camp-out with a picnic lunch including yummy s'mores that we will roast over a "mock" fire pit.

Summer night skies give us a chance to take a trip into space with our personally designed astronaut helmets and explore the moon and the stars. Then when we return to land, we will go visit some animals in the jungle, and go on a safari with our very own handmade binoculars.

As a class we always practice Good Manners. Please practice at home, too. Please pass the bread. May I please have more chicken. Thank you for helping.



Potty training is an on-going learning experience in Chargers 2. We will continue to work on potty training and washing our hands correctly. Our class is currently doing quite well and we are excited for one another when we accomplish this big goal in becoming a "BIG Kid". Please remember to have 2 full sets of weather-appropriate clothes, socks and a pair of shoes in your child's cubby here at school, if potty training, please have them bring 3 of everything except for the shoes.

## MS. JANE'S TRIP TIPS

**Avoid sweets. Children do not need a sugar rush of energy when they are required to be still. Savory snacks are**

- better: Cheerios, pretzel**
- rods, wheat crackers, hard**
- boiled eggs, carrots, nuts,**
- string cheese, granola bars,**
- water...lots of water.**







## Social Learning

As three-year-olds, the children are learning that they now influence other people around them. As this happens, they start to test each other's boundaries both physically or verbally, by using silly names and arguing about different topics that come up. I have already started seeing this take place in the classroom. This gives me the opportunity to help the children socialize with each other in a more positive manner. You will hear me use the phrases, "You can call her/him by his/her name." "If you need to call names, do it in the mirror."

Giving children an outlet for certain unwanted behavior makes the behavior not as desirable to the child.

### Making Learning Fun

With all our themes and activities, we will work on math, writing and reading skills with the children daily. By incorporating these desired skills in the everyday routines and fun activities, the children retain the information faster and in a more concrete way. Like with everyone, if you make the activity fun, then learning the information will be fun!



One of our themes this summer supports our STEAM curriculum by studying Space. As one activity, the children get to make their own rockets and blow them into the air as we learn all about who and how rockets were invented.

Another science experiment is to use tin cans and string to make an old-fashioned telephone while we learn about the inventor Thomas Edison. It's important to help children imagine and invent new ideas. We want to encourage their creativity at every age.

As the weather gets warmer, the children love to eat ice cream, so we might as well make some ice cream ourselves. RHA has some balls we use to roll around to help make homemade ice cream.

I love to read *A House For A Hermit Crab* by Eric Carle during our ocean-themed month. The book opens the wonderful chance to learn all about the different sea creatures. Making sand art, finding the plastic sea creatures in the rice table and watching nature videos help expand our experiences. Maybe your family vacation will be near a beach, and your Pinto can share his/her knowledge with the family.

Our days are filled with learning and fun making good friends. Don't forget to wear sunscreen every morning. Only closed-toed shoes are allowed please for everyone's safety, no flip flops.

Have a great summer!

Pinto Teachers

# MUSTANGS

Hello Pre-K!

Wow Mustangs, our year has flown by! It's that time of year again as we prepare to say goodbye to our current class as they transition to their Pre-K classrooms. They have an exciting journey ahead of them next year in the Trotter and Bronco room as their wonderful teachers get ready and prepare them with exciting educational activities and a look into what they will be expecting in Kindergarten.



With ONE whole month left with each other, we still have plenty of fun activities and events to celebrate as we wrap up our school year. We will like to kick off May with a fun new event: **Mustang and Wrangler Field Day and Picnic!** A well-spent day outside with our warm weather is exactly what our energetic Mustangs need. Some of the activities to look forward to are water relays, obstacle courses, pool-noodle limbos, and many more activities involving beach balls plus ice chalk. Our Mustang and Wrangler teachers are very excited as they plan the final agenda for our very first Field Day. We hope to make this an annual event for upcoming classes as a way to commemorate new beginnings for our students as they finish making their last memories as Mustangs.

## We LOVE our Mustang Parents!

The Mustang teachers would like to extend a sincere thank you to all of our wonderful parents for their participation in our Week of the Young Child activities and for their generous goodies and gifts during Teacher Appreciation Week! It is one of our favorite times of the year as we get to celebrate all of our amazing teachers Rocking Horse Academy has.

## MS. JANE'S TRIP TIPS

Consider wrapping a few new small toys. First, kids love unwrapping gifts no matter how big or small. Second, it's new so it's more desirable. Consider setting goals for earning the next gift.



## New Mustang Lead Teacher!

As summer rolls around we welcome not only a new class but a new teacher as well. Ms. Adriana is a Texas State University Alumni who obtained a degree in Family and Child Development and is eager to step into the Lead Teacher position starting June 1<sup>st</sup>. Please welcome her with warm hugs as she prepares for her new role and keep in mind that she, too, is learning and growing along side all of our Mustangs.

# WRANGLERS

## Howdy Wranglers

I cannot believe how fast this year has flown by! These next few months we will be preparing your children for the big transition into the Pre-K classrooms, Broncos and Trotters. We will be introducing Ms. Tina and Ms. Norma to our class so the kids can become comfortable and familiar with them before they start in their classrooms on June 10<sup>th</sup>. They have such an exciting journey ahead of them and we could not be more proud of them as they start this next chapter in their lives as well as yours!

The Wrangler teachers would also like to take a moment and thank the parents for participating and volunteering during our Week of the Young Child with setting up fun obstacle courses and yummy snacks for our classroom. We would also like to thank the parents for the generous gifts, goodies and love we received during Teacher Appreciation Week. We truly appreciate you and the honor of having your children in our classroom.

## MS. JANE'S TRIP TIPS

**Don't forget the kid-sized headphones if you have an iPad or smart phone loaded with games and APPS. Not everyone in the car wants to hear *Baby Shark* 200 times.**



June 10<sup>th</sup> will be an exciting time for the Pintos because they will now become Wranglers or Mustangs! We will be welcoming them with some fun summer themes!

We will start the Summer by learning about Summer safety, the Beach and Camping. These are some of our favorite themes to learn about in the classroom

because we turn our home center into a campground and our sensory bin into the ocean. During this theme we will experiment with different textures of sand that Ms. Katie brings back from Mississippi, Alabama and Florida to show us that not all sand looks or feels the same. We will also experiment with box ovens for our camping theme and make Smore's in our classroom's oven that we will make from a cardboard box and foil.

For our American History and Space unit, we will first learn about the first person to ever walk on the moon, Neil Armstrong. We will talk about how he got to the moon and what that meant for history. In the classroom we will become Astronauts. We will make a Rocketship and space suits and walk on the moon just like Neil Armstrong did! We will end the summer with a picnic in the classroom during this picnic we will share what we did over the summer with our families and friends.

We will start our school year unit in August. We will start with small assessments so we can see where the class is at we will also start our weekly classroom journals that will help with recognizing letters and names.

During this transition period from Pintos to Wranglers, we understand it can hard on the children because it is such a big change to have new teachers to meet as well as different classroom rules. Ask your children how their day was when you get home as well as something new they learned about or new friends they may have made. This can help them become excited and comfortable about their new classroom; it could even help you as a parent to be excited and comfortable for them. In the Wrangler classroom we love open communication with parents. I would like the parents to feel welcome and comfortable to ask as many questions as they would like on the classroom rules, expectations, teachers or how their child is adjusting.

In the Wranglers classroom we are a Team.

Welcome to the Team,  
Ms. Katie, Ms. Bianca and Ms. Taylor



# TROTTERS

Trotters will be starting the Big Day Scholastic Pre-K Curriculum at the beginning of the school year in August. We don't take summers off from school; learning must be a part of every day. The Trotters follow the RHA themes as well. We will explore some activities people do on the beach and what we find in the ocean. I'm curious to see how many ocean animals we can name but the end of summer! And maybe you will see some if you take a beach vacation as a family.

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 about camping and camping safety.

One of my favorite things to teach is Space, The Final Frontier! We will pretend to be astronauts and bounce around the class, and we might be able to see a real astronaut read a story, straight from his rocket ship! As you are out-summer, don't forget to look up and help your Trotter name the major constellations.

These next summer months will fly by quickly, and I am excited to see what the new school year brings! If you have any comments, questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us. Thank you!

-Trotter Teachers



## Teamwork Goals

Hello parents! We are almost halfway to Summer, which means Pre-K Graduation is right around the corner! The Trotters are excited to show you what we have been practicing for the past few months. We will be sad to see them go, but we know that they will move on to do great things in the world. A week after graduation, we will head to the San Antonio Zoo. This has been a much-anticipated trip!

One of the things that we will work on in the upcoming months as we get our new class is self-regulation, communication and teamwork. We as teachers, understand that it will be quite the transition for them, so I am hopeful that we teachers and parents can work together to make it run smoothly.

As the summer approaches with our new class, we will begin to work on communication and how to express our feelings and wants using appropriate words/phrases and using empathy/sympathy when our friends are having a tough day.

## MS. JANE'S TRIP TIPS

Consider giving your young travelers their own camera. Waterproof ones are great, so that day at the beach could include some underwater shots. Children love to observe their surroundings and it's a good way to reinforce vocabulary and science.





# BRONCOS



With the end of the school year approaching, I just want to begin by saying that the Bronco class has come long way since their 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 parents 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 a couple of events planned to celebrate our hard-working Broncos in the weeks following our Pre-K Graduation. We will go on an End of the Year trip to the SA Zoo and have an end of the year class party.

It is with great sadness as our 2019 Broncos leave us for Kindergarten, but we know that they will do great. The Bronco teachers will be looking forward to welcoming a new group of Broncos, the class of 2020. We are excited to meet and get to know these new students and their families on the first week of school. Once they are settled in and 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.

This summer we will grab our backpack 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. We will then "camp out" and discover the great outdoors. We will go on scavenger hunts, make S'mores and use the binoculars we made to look up at the stars.

Looking up at the stars will then lead us to my favorite adventure of all, our planet! We will not only learn about the different planets that make up our solar system, we will work together as a class to make our own solar system display.

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 STEM and STEAM activities. Parents please don't forget we live in the great state of Texas and the sun will be shining well into the school year and there is no better way to learn but the great outdoors.

Please allow extra time to pack a water bottle everyday and applying sunscreen before leaving home. We play outside twice a day, so please bring a bottle of sunscreen to keep in the classroom (NO SPRAY ALLOWED).

My main form of communication is in your children's individual class folders and Tadpoles. If you have any questions, comments or concerns please feel free to contact me. I look forward to the upcoming months.

Best wishes. - The Bronco Teachers

- Ms. Norma, Ms. Stacey and Ms. Vanessa

## MS. JANE'S TRIP TIPS

- Get a small map showing cities and roads
- and let older children track your progress along the map.





Summer Camp is right around the corner, and we can't wait to spend it with you. This summer Corral Kids will enjoy weekly swim days, field trips, special guest performers, science, art and soooo much more!!! To help both our Parents and Campers be prepared for a SUMMER of fun, we have highlighted several things in this newsletter to help things run smoothly! Of course, please don't ever hesitate to ask any of the Corral Kids staff questions... we are here to help!

## Summer Camp in a Nutshell

**Morning Drop Off** - Your child may be dropped off in the morning as early as 6:30a.m.

**Lunch & Snacks** - Snacks will be provided to each student every morning and afternoon. A counselor will approach you each morning to ask whether your camper will be bringing a lunch or purchasing an RHA lunch.

**WATER BOTTLES!!!!** - Water bottles must be taken home, washed, and refilled on a daily basis!

**Appropriate Attire** - Flip flops are not allowed at RHA. We ask for all of the children to come to camp in tennis shoes for comfort and safety. Campers will also wear their blue "Corral Kids" shirt for field trips and swim days.

**Items Brought From Home** - TOYS, STUFFED ANIMALS, ELECTRONICS, CELL PHONES, ETC. ARE NOT ALLOWED AT RHA. If any of these items are found at Rocking Horse Academy, they will be kept in Ms. Kimberly's office until the end of the day.

**Please be sure to label everything your child brings to RHA!!!!**

**Rest Time and Fun Friday** - Every day the children will have rest time after lunch. This is not nap time. Rest time is provided in order to allow the campers a little down time to relax after lunch and reenergize for the afternoon activities. Every Friday we will have Fun Friday. Students will watch movies.

## Field Trips

All groups will be attending field trips this summer. 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade will attend field trips on Tuesday's, while Kinder and 1<sup>st</sup> grade campers will be attending on Wednesday's. Corral Kids morning staff will present each parent with a permission slip on Monday mornings. If there is an additional cost for a field trip, a sack lunch is needed, or specific clothing will be required, a counselor will inform you as well as reminders will be posted on the gym doors.

**\*\*Additional field trip costs will be billed to your account\*\***

WOW! What a summer to be had!!! You won't want to miss anything! Please don't hesitate to ask any questions you might have about our upcoming SUMMER of FUN!

**\*Remember RHA currently enrolled Corral Kids, Trotter and Bronco students are not responsible for a registration fee for summer camp\***

## Pool Days

Our Corral Kid Swim days are Thursday and Friday each week from 1:30pm-3:30pm at the City of Kyle pool. **Thursday** swim days are designated for 2<sup>nd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> grades. **Friday** swim days will be designated for Kinder & 1<sup>st</sup>.

**1<sup>st</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Campers** - On your child's first visit to the pool the City of Kyle lifeguards will have each child participate in a swim test in order to determine his/her water proficiency. If your child passes, he/she will receive a wristband allowing him/her to participate in the deep-end activities. Each week your child will be required to check in with the lifeguard staff to obtain a new wristband.

**Kindergarten Campers** - Each child will be required to wear a life vest either brought from home or borrowed from the pool. If you and your child feel comfortable as a swimmer to attempt the required test, we will be sure to have the lifeguards administer the swim test.

### Don't Forget Your Pool Essentials

**LIFE VEST** (Kindergarten campers or those who are unable to pass the swim test)

**TOWEL**

**SWIMSUIT**

**CORRAL KIDS T-SHIRT**

**FLIP FLOPS** (may be worn at pool ONLY)

**SUNSCREEN** (RHA provides SPF 30 sunscreen for all of our students. If you have an alternative preference please bring your bottle labeled-no sprays please)

**GOGGLES, NOODLES, ETC.** (optional)

**\*Hint:** We suggest having your child already dressed in their swimsuit underneath their clothes and Corral Kids T-shirt when they attend camp on their swim days. This way they can simply bring a fresh change of clothing and underwear when they return from the swimming pool. A plastic bag is also handy for storing wet items.\*