

Horse Room – Afternoon Kindergarten August/September 2018

Welcome to your child's Kindergarten year. We look forward to an exciting year of learning and growing.

Remember that your child's kindergarten day actually begins at 8:40. In the morning class your child will work on fine-motor, language, and math skills at his/her own pace. Your morning teacher is your child's advocate and will be the one you conference with.

Our afternoon class begins at 11:45 with a brief lesson in Spanish. This week we have emphasized colors.

The children will be taking turns with classroom jobs. This will help them feel more like the classroom belongs to them. Responsibilities include setting the tables, serving food, and cleaning up after lunch.

At lunch the children are served a balance of protein, grain, fruit, and vegetables each day. To meet the dairy requirement, each child will be given milk with the meal. Please be sure to let the office know if your child has a milk allergy. If so, you may wish to send in soy milk or we will give your child water. Lunch menus can be found just outside the office door and on-line. Lunch provides an opportunity to grow socially and work as a community. Please be sure to let the office know if you prefer your child to have the vegetarian lunch. All food is sorted and brought down to our classroom.

After lunch we gather for movement and singing time. Next we have a short rest as we listen to a chapter from a chapter book. We are currently reading Charlotte's Web by E.B. White.

For writing practice this week the children have practiced writing their names using only a capital letter at the beginning. We have also been learning about patterns.

This year we have 9 children in our afternoon kindergarten class. We have been getting to know each other through "teamwork" activities. Each day your child has been on a different team to help make new friends and learn to work together. On Friday, the kindergartners from the Puppy Dog Room will join us for a big teamwork activity.

Each day at 2:30 some children go home and others stay for after care. Our building closes at 5:30.

Next week, we will begin an *Introduction To History* by looking at our own history. Each child will be making a timeline of his/her life. **WE NEED YOUR HELP.** Please send in one photograph for each year in your child's life – infant, 1-year old, 2, 3, 4, and 5 years old. Please send these 6 pictures with your child next week. It is helpful if you write your child's age on the back of each photo. Thank you.

Also, find attached a "Family Tree" paper. Please fill this out with your child and return it to school. Feel free to revise or make your own tree if this one doesn't fit your family.

We will be having a **KINDERGARTEN SOCIAL** on Wednesday, September 12. You will receive an invitation soon, but please keep this evening open.

Thank you for all of your help. We are looking forward to a great year!

Julie Warren