



# Preschool at Antelope Trails Newsletter

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Paraprofessionals: Lauren Gearhart and Jessica Rutledge

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## A Big Announcement!

I wanted to let you know that the Antelope Trails preschool teacher position for next year has been hired and filled. If you missed it somehow, I will be going to another school in the district and still teaching preschool. I thank all the families for a wonderful school year, and after 11 years at Antelope Trails, I will miss it dearly. The preschool teacher who has been hired for Antelope Trails next year is, Lauren Gearhart, (our very own paraprofessional). Lauren is finishing her master's degree in Early Childhood Special Education, and she is excited to be changing rolls next year! Another 5-day paraprofessional will be hired for the setting.



## Big Thank You!

I want to thank all the parents and families who attended parent-teacher conferences before spring break! It was great to see you and spend time talking about what a great job your children are doing. Please do not hesitate to email or call with any further questions you have. I hope everyone had a wonderful and safe break!



**What we are learning:** We have just finished our unit on farm and ranch. We learned about which animals live on a farm, baby animals, and how animals help farmers. It was a great way for the children to use environmental

sounds for the different animals and vehicles on the farm. We are starting a unit on bugs and how they work as a community. During our bug unit, we hope to take a "bug hunt" walking field trip outside of the school, and we will visit the school garden to look for bugs. This is both a part of the We Can curriculum and an IB planner called "Going Buggy." Our letter/sound learning is now focused on vowels, as we have learned and reviewed all the consonant. Since vowels are the "hardest workers" and have more than one sound to say we saved them until now as children have a better understanding of letter learning. We will study /A/, /E/, and /I/ this month.



**Home connection:** *At home, you can start talking about where food comes from. When you go to the grocery store, help kiddos with new vocabulary of unfamiliar fruits and veggies. Maybe pick one up and you and your child can investigate together on how to prepare it to eat. Talk about where food comes from before it gets to the grocery store and how it is processed to become what it looks like now. Another great thing to do while shopping is counting and identification of colors of foods. You could also take a trip to the hardware store to visit spring chicks or see what real crops and seeds look like.*



## **End of the year events:**

There are many events at the end of the preschool year. We will have fun field days toward the end of the year (weather permitting), and a continuation/graduation for those friends going on to Kindergarten next year. Finally, as the culmination of the preschool school year comes we might (depending on weather) be meeting at the zoo on a Friday for a POPs planned field trip. I hope you will enjoy these upcoming events.



**Book orders:** In April, there are early reader books for children who are ready to start reading! You should have received a coupon good for a \$5 book. Please let me know if you did not. There will also be some phonics games and pre-kindergarten things to look for. So check those out! I hope you enjoy the opportunity to get some summer resources before school lets out!



**Weather:** Although it is spring... it is spring in Colorado! Please make sure to continue to dress children appropriately for the weather at the start of their session and through the end of their preschool day! Please continue to send a jacket with them every day! Thanks!



## **Contact Info:**

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## **Preschool Important Date Calendar**

**Thursday, April 12<sup>th</sup>: BOOK ORDER DUE**

**Friday, April 20<sup>th</sup>- No school for students, Professional Learning Day for staff**

**\*\*\* The END of year school date has yet to be set by the board of education, so we cannot give information on the last day of preschool at this time. However, please note that preschool releases a week prior to elementary school, when the date is set.**