



Preschool at Antelope Trails Newsletter

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What we are learning: We are starting to wrap up our IB planner on Transportation to start talking about fun on the farm! We have been learning a lot about different ways to get from here to there, as well as the ways we get to school.

To update you on where we are at in the learning of sounds/letters for the alphabet, the letters of the week that we have completed study of include: B, C/K, D, F, G, H, J, L, M, N, P, Q, R, S, T, V, W, X, and Y. We will start focusing on vowels. We call vowels our “hardest workers” because they make more than one sound. The expectation for the 3-4-year-old students is that they’ve had exposure to letters and letter sounds and they can identify a letter vs. a number. The expectation for the pre-Kindergarten students who are 4-5 years old is that they can identify some letters, including those in their name, and make some letter sounds. They are also working on blending, rhyming, and simple spelling of letter strings. The week of conferences we will do a review cycle of all the letters through circle time and small group activities.



Home connection: *At home, explore different types of vehicles in your garage: your cars, bikes, trikes, scooters and skateboards! You can talk about “how many...” How many vehicles do we have? How many wheels are on the car? How many door handles or steering wheels can we find? Play a letter find game with license plates on your cars. See which letters or numbers your children recognize as cars drive by. Talk about*

other vehicles you see in your neighborhood. See what kinds of colors of cars, trucks, and bikes you can find going down your block! The transportation unit is also a great time to talk about street safety and safety equipment, like always wearing helmets.

Make a safety plan for a potential “emergency.” Help your children learn how to find exits in the house that are accessible to them, in an emergency. Help them by creating a plan for where your family would meet if you needed to leave the house in an emergency, like a next door neighbor’s mailbox, or a nearby tree. Show kiddos how to use your smart phone or home phone to get help and play through some scenarios that they might need to do this.



Important things to remember for the home stretch:

1. Please review illness guidelines whenever your child isn’t feeling well.
2. Please make sure they are dressed for going outside and for the ever-changing Colorado weather.
3. Please review the pick-up procedures, and be on time for pick up. Teachers have lots of lunch meetings this time of year, and may be needed outside of the classroom.



Notice:

We need to fill our PTO basket for the basket raffle! This is such a fun opportunity for us to participate with the rest of the school for this great PTO event. Please bring anything “Paw Patrol” related that you would like to contribute, with the Tax form, and we can make a great class basket!

this in the Spring. We will do our best to help your schedule and try to get siblings within a close timeframe, but the difference in time and groupings, makes this difficult. Please be patient with us if your children are not scheduled back to back. It is up to your discretion if you’d like to have a preschool conference. Preschool conferences will be 20 minutes in length. IF you have a special case or concern, please let me know as soon as possible. Preschool conferences are held at Antelope Trails.



Parent-Teacher End-of-Year

Conferences:

Parent-Teacher conferences are coming up on Wednesday the 21st and Thursday the 22nd. The elementary setting at Antelope Trails does “student led” conferences in the Spring for elementary students. We do not do these for preschool. As much as we try our best to accommodate siblings and schedule them back to back, it is difficult to do



Contact Info:

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Preschool Important Date Calendar

Thursday, March 8th - BOOK ORDER DUE

Friday, March 16th-Elementary Teacher Workday- NO ELEMENTARY OR PRESCHOOL

Wednesday, March 21st, and Thursday, March 22nd: Parent/Teacher Conferences.

Wednesday is PM conferences 4-7:30 PM

Thursday is all day- NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS Thursday!

Thursday, March 22nd - No preschool in session!

Friday, March 23rd- NO Elem School in session

March 26th-March 30th - SPRING BREAK, NO SCHOOL in SESSION