



TINY RAMS TIMES

September 2020



Hello!

Our new school year is off to a great start! We were so excited to see the friends who didn't attend this summer and hear about the fun adventures they had. We enjoyed getting back to our school year routines and learning new routines to keep us safe from germs. We had fun learning about ourselves and what makes each of us special. We are so excited to learn about camping, sample all of the different apple colors, and observe the changes that fall brings. Don't forget to continue **monitoring** yourself for any symptoms and *stay home* if you are feeling sick. Thanks for helping to keep everyone healthy!

Did you know that the third week in September is **Child Passenger Safety Week**? This week focuses on the proper use of car seats for children. This national campaign urges parents to protect their children by making sure they use the correct car seat for their age, height, and weight. As children grow, the model of car seat changes to keep up with their age and size:

- From birth to at least age 2, use a rear-facing car seat.
- After outgrowing the rear-facing car seat, use a forward-facing 5 point harness car seat.
- Once they have exceeded height/weight limits for using the 5 point harness specific to their car seat, they should be buckled in a belt-positioning booster seat until the seat belt fits properly.
- Your child is ready to lose the booster seat and use only the seat belt when the belt lays across your child's upper thighs/hips and chest/shoulder (not neck) and your child can sit with their bottom all the way to the back of the seat with the bend of their knees at the edge of the seat with their feet on the floor.

-Your Tiny Rams Team

Save the Date:

September 7th: CLOSED for Labor Day

Health and Safety:

*Parents will drop-off and pick-up children at their classroom doors, always maintain social distancing, and wear a mask.

*Teachers will use a touchless thermometer to take each child's temperature before they enter the classroom. Temperature threshold will be set at 100.0 or lower for daily attendance.

*Evidence of any outbreak of disease among staff, children, or children's relatives who they are living with or seeing frequently will prompt Ralston Schools Foundation administration to promptly close the facility.

*Children ages 2 and up will be required to wear a mask when in the hallways

*Tiny Rams will NOT allow outside visitors.

Contact Information:

If you need to reach your child's teacher, please contact them by their classroom's direct phone number shared in the "Ways to Connect" section of this newsletter. ***Please make sure to contact your child's teacher if your child will not be in attendance.***

Reminders:

Please send your child with a spray sunscreen and face stick to ensure they can safely play outside.

Please continue to send a leak-proof water bottle everyday.

Please ensure your child's extra clothing is weather and size appropriate.

Infants

Teachers: Shelby, Megan, Hadassah, and Abigail
Phone Number: 402-660-6799

Happy Fall, y'all! It's our favorite time of the year! The falling leaves, the talk about apples, and sitting by a warm campfire on the weekends with loved ones. This month we will do lots of fun and exciting activities. We are going to explore our five senses *a lot* this month by learning about apples, the season of fall, and campfires. We will get to taste, touch, and paint with apples. We are going to crunch graham crackers to make it into a s'mores sensory bottle, find leaves that have fallen outside and do a leaf painting with them, and much, much more! Of course we will be spending A TON of time outdoors to enjoy the beautiful weather that fall time provides.



Early Learning Guidelines Goals: Our newest and youngest friends will get accommodated to their new surroundings, routines, teachers, and friends. All of us will work on strengthening our necks and cores to learn to hold our heads up or to sit up. Our oldest friends will work on using nice, gentle hands with our new friends, and learning some more **baby sign language** at meal times.

Infant/Toddler

Teachers: Heather and Anesa
Phone Number: 402-898-3549

For our apple theme, we will be exploring apples by painting with them, tasting them, and making apple pie cloud dough. For the camping unit, we are going to paint with marshmallows and see if raisins dance in Sprite. During our fall theme, we are going to explore fall colors by painting with foil, mixing fall paint colors in a sealed ziplock bag, and going on a nature walk.

Early Learning Guidelines Goals: The children will begin to develop an understanding of boundaries and routines, and follow them when reminded. Children begin to understand descriptive words. This entails words such as: **big**, small, dull, *bright*, top, bottom, ect.



Toddlers

Teachers: Kalli, Amber, and Hadassah
Phone Number: 402-898-3549

For our apple theme, we will do a ton of fun things such as making *edible* apple spiced-play dough. We will also make 3D apple trees with toilet paper rolls, as well as make paper plate apple pies. We will also stamp with real apples and vote on which color of apple is our favorite. We're also going to be making handprint and tissue paper fires for our camping theme. To ring in fall, we'll make fall wreaths, corn cob paintings, and we'll use pinecones as paint brushes!

Early Learning Guidelines Goals: This month we will be working on our healthy eating habits. We will be talking a lot about vegetables and fruits (like apples!) and how they have nutrients that benefit our bodies. We will also work on using our forks and spoons with our food when they are needed. We will focus on developing prosocial and cooperative skills. We will practice these things by sharing toys, showing comfort to friends when upset, and being classroom helpers.



Preschool

Teachers: Emily (Miss E) and Shannon
Phone Number: 402-616-4427

September will be full of *exciting* activities. We will learn how to grow apples and explore different parts of the apple along with many different kinds and colors apples can be. Our class will learn about weather changes in the fall and what makes the leaves change color. We will do some math activities that will help us to learn how to read and make our own bar graphs. The children will learn to recognize numbers by teaching them touch math. We will also work on role playing to help our friends understand our class rules and work on social and emotional behavior. Tiny Rams will have fun as we learn apple and fall themed songs using instruments.

Early Learning Guidelines Goals: The children will develop an awareness and understanding of health and safety practices by washing hands at **appropriate** times, getting plenty of outside time, and eating healthy foods. They are going to practice putting on and taking off their masks, as well as placing them in a *safe spot* when they are not being used.



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Remind

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texting “@tinyra” to
402-825-8125.

STAFF BIO OF THE MONTH

Amber

"My favorite part about working at Tiny Rams is how wonderful my coworkers are! I'm impressed daily with how caring and patient everyone is."



Hello, I'm Amber, Teacher in the Toddler Room. I started working for Tiny Rams at the beginning of August, but I have been working with children for four years. You can reach me at amber.tull@ralstonschools.org My family includes: my dad, mom, stepdad, three siblings, ten niblings, and a lizard. In my spare time, I enjoy reading everything in sight and painting like there's no tomorrow.

These are a few of my favorite things:

Color: I have yet to find a color I don't like!

Food: It depends on my mood

Drink: 7-Up

Movie: Fried Green Tomatoes

TV Show: King of the Hill

Book: I'm a big reader! I don't have a favorite; I want to read them all!

Season: Summer

Holiday: Halloween

Vacation Spot: Outside Omaha

