

Theme/Study: Down on the UCCC Ranch—Children will explore the life of a cowboy and his horse through traditional songs, large motor movements, stories, and more.

Camp Centers

Goals When planning activities, we consider the following areas: the three spheres of understanding including literacy, values and character, and psychodynamic development of children; DECA areas of development including Initiative, Attachment, and Self-Control; Missouri Early Childhood and Kindergarten standards including Literacy, Math, Science, Physical, Cognitive, and the Arts.

<p>Morning Gathering: (prepared by the Supernovas) The Supernovas will sing campfire songs and lead the school in a cowboy/cowgirl roundup.</p>	<p>Dramatic Role Play (prepared by the Shooting Stars) Shooting Stars will provide items like boxes and chairs to create a ranch with covered wagons, horses and trains. We will use paper bags to make cow girl and boy/girl vests and we will add cow boy/girl boots and other clothing....etc.</p>	<p>Science/Sensory (prepared by the Big Dippers) Bugs and farm animals will be the focus of study during the ranch theme. Shovels, buckets and, jars will be given to the children to search, capture, and learn about bugs under and above the earth. Also, farm and ranch animal skins as well as the diagrams of their anatomy will be displayed. In addition, their diets will be discussed. Children will learn why these animals are important to humans.</p>
<p>Closing Gathering: (prepared by the Superstars) The Superstars will summarize the day and end with a song called Let's Go Riding sung to tune "Are You Sleeping?"</p>		
<p>Garden to Table/Cooking (prepared by the Starbursts) The children will prepare several traditional cowboy foods from scratch, including baked beans, "haystacks," and cold lemonade.</p>	<p>Art and Construction (prepared by the Comets) The Comets will create a barn with all of the fix'ins (fixings). We will also create and decorate animal mask and cowboy hats. Lastly we will build small ranches using Lincoln logs.</p>	<p>Music and Movement (prepared by the Horizons) The children will listen to traditional and contemporary country and western music while dancing with bandanas. We will also engage in rodeo events such as barrel racing, roping, and bronco riding.</p>
<p>Water Play Friday It is an essential childhood summer experience to play in water and the hose. We plan activities that incorporate math, science, and sensory experiences while encouraging the children to discuss their experiences with other.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The Superstars will use objects that sink and float in the water in the sensory table. • The comets will play hat toss with cowboy hats and sponges. • The Shooting Stars will add farm animals to the sensory table with colored water. • The Supernovas will provide hay and straw to stomp on • The Big Dippers will use their sensory table and fill it with mud and other natural materials including plants, rocks, sticks, and flowers. • The Horizons will provide a mud slide experience. 		
<p>Extended Adventure Camp This final week of art camp we will be learning about the different structures found on a ranch, including ranch houses and barns. We will construct our own versions of these homes using a variety of materials in order to create 3 dimensional recreations.</p>		
<p>Classroom Extensions</p>		
<p>Wacky Wednesday Classroom Activities</p>		
<p>Family Organization Wacky Wednesday Event We have planned the following activity for the enjoyment of the experience. LeBrell's Barnyard Buddies will visit with a variety of different animals. UCCC will celebrate the final day of camp with a Chuckwagon Lunch including hot dogs, slaw, baked beans, apples and more.</p>		