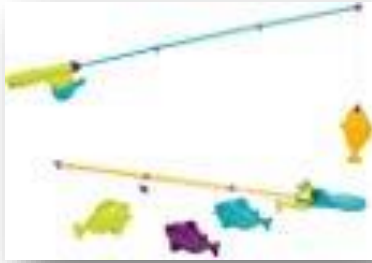


## A CHRONOLOGY OF THE 2018 FALL SESSION AT EAGLES' WINGS STABLE

### Saturday – Classes 4 & 5



**Saturday, September 22:** All of Saturday's riders are returning riders and all were present for class. We did have six new volunteer side walkers: MJ Larger, Dan Larger, Maddy Ingels, Amber Brady, Brittany Tompkins, and Taylor Walker. The riders seemed excited to be back in the saddle. One of the riders who was new in the summer session had been up since 6:00 a.m. as she was so excited to be riding again. She had a great deal of anxiety in the beginning of the summer session, but that anxiety had been replaced by excitement. As with the other classes, everyone was

getting used to their horses and their volunteers. Gail had a new activity for the riders – fishing. The students all had their own fishing poles and they stopped at the newly painted barrels each of which had a bucket filled with water on top. They lowered their bait, which was a magnet on the end of their line, and began pulling out fish from the buckets. They all seemed to enjoy this new activity. They did have to use the reel on their poles to reel in the fish developing their small motor skills. Pictures to follow.



**Saturday, September 27<sup>th</sup>:** All of the riders in the first class were in attendance and all were in good spirits – it was a beautiful sunny morning. Gail had a new activity for the riders with four squares set in the arena – each square had openings on the corners and each square was the home of a puppet. When the students first visited the home of the puppet, Gail introduced them to the owner and then gave the students a task. For example, when they visited Mr. Bear's house, Gail informed that Mr. Bear was missing Mrs. Bear and she asked the students to travel around the arena and find Mrs. Bear who was somewhere on the arena walls. When they found Mrs. Bear, they were to bring her back to Mr. Bear's house and reunite them. Mr. Elephant owned one of the four houses and Gail did a delightful and realistic elephant imitation whenever the students entered that house – if you see Gail, ask her to do the imitation for you. The students also made use of the mirrors on one wall of the arena – the mirrors had been cleaned by Ann

Schaurer and you could really see yourself in them. So the students faced the mirrors and did arm exercises.

**Saturday, October 6<sup>th</sup>:** Two of the students in the second class were absent leaving just one rider. This rider has been riding since she was 18 months old and is now six. Sharon and Dan, her side walkers, used a scarf tied around her upper body to help stabilize her - but her posture was much improved from last week. Natalee also came up with the idea of putting a bumble bee headband on the horse and horse leader, Liz, to help keep the rider's head up and



focusing straight ahead. Even though the class was hard work, the rider thoroughly enjoyed the activities. She really enjoyed standing in the saddle and raising her arms over her head – Dad and her sisters enjoyed this too! Her voice was strong in giving commands to her horse.

Saturday, October 13<sup>th</sup>: