



# WCA Preschool Times



February 13, 2023

The weather has been giving us a little glimpse of spring! This week again looks like it will be a little warmer than normal and we could have some rain at weeks end. Regardless, please send your child with full winter gear each day. Even though we don't have snow on the ground, gear will keep little bodies warm while we enjoy the fresh air on chilly mornings. I think the highlight of last week was definitely the visit from the Alligator Sanctuary! The young man that presented the animals to us was full of interesting facts, he was entertaining for the kids and many were eager to pet the reptiles! We wrapped up our ocean unit with some fun activities that also had the class working on important skills. A favorite activity was making an octopus. Once the paint dried on their bowl we worked with each student to put the tentacles on and then counted the corresponding beads 1-8. They were working on creativity as they picked out what color pipe cleaners and beads they wanted. Fine motor skills were challenged as they slid the beads on the pipe cleaners. Math was the main objective of this activity with counting the beads out for each tentacle. Please, keep working with your child at home on counting objects of any kind. ☺ This week we will turn our attention to the prehistoric time of dinosaurs. It's going to be a hands-on and engaging subject area for sure! We have several dinosaur enthusiasts. We will make our own fossils using plaster of Paris, listen to various dinosaur sounds and explore what it was like for a dinosaur to get stuck in tar. The "tar" will be oobleck (cornstarch and water) colored with black food coloring and plastic dinosaur skeletons. We will also become alphabet archeologist as we use paintbrushes to gently brush away sand from letters and then match those letters on a chart. This is a unit that some children absolutely embrace and are thrilled about!

## Areas of Focus

*Dinosaurs*  
Sight Word: it



## Literacy and Language

- Books: *Danny and the Dinosaur*, *Dinosaur*, *Dinosaurs A-Z*, *It's Mine!*, *Saturday Night at The Dinosaur Stomp*, *Dinosaur Roar! Dinosaur Dinners*, *Woolly Mammoth*
- Letter Matching Archeology
- Where Is It? (location word matching game)

### *Focus Words*


herbivore \* carnivore \* fossil \* extinct

## Math, Science, Sensory

- \* Herbivore vs Carnivore Categorization
- \* Skelton Assembly (various pasta shapes)
- \* Dinosaur "Tar" Pit Experiment
- \* Making Dinosaur Fossils



## Important News

- ➔ **Tuesday**, Happy Valentine's Day! We will exchange non-edible valentines. 
- ➔ **Friday**, pizza orders are due for those that would like pizza next week.
- ➔ **Friday**, is a half day with dismissal at 11:40 AM. Please, still send snacks.
- ➔ **Monday**, February 20<sup>th</sup> there is NO SCHOOL.

## Song

For each verse, make movements to represent the day's activity.

Here we go round the mulberry bush,  
The mulberry bush, the mulberry bush.  
Here we go round the mulberry bush,  
So early in the morning.

This is the way we wash our clothes,  
Wash our clothes, wash our clothes.  
This is the way we wash our clothes,  
So early Monday morning.

Verses:

This is the way

\*iron our clothes (Tuesday)

\*mend our clothes (Wednesday)

\*scrub the floor (Thursday)

\*sweep the house (Friday)

\*bake the bread (Saturday)

\*go to church (Sunday)

