



WCA Preschool Times



February 20, 2023

We had a great week! We enjoyed outside time each day to the fullest, we were excited about handing out valentines and we got to learn some very interesting facts about dinosaurs. One of the highlights of last week was making dinosaur skeletons. Their fine motor and concentration skills were hard at work while pasting various pasta shapes to a printout of a dinosaur skeleton they assembled. We all had a chance to become paleontologist as we used brushes to find letters and numbers in fine sand. We listened to various dinosaur sounds during free choice. These sounds also had a role when some children were playing with the large dinosaurs I brought from home! We worked on listening for the number of syllables in our names and then in dinosaur names by clapping them out. The class caught on quickly and did a great job! We have a wonderful variety of books in the room that have amazing and detailed pictures of a huge array of dinosaurs. The terms herbivore, carnivore, extinct and paleontologist were used each day as we learned about these amazing creatures that roamed the earth so long ago! This week we will continue our focus on dinosaurs. I suspect the class will absolutely love making their own Plaster of Paris fossils that they will be able to take home. We will age the fossils by using instant coffee. We will also continue to learn about the dinosaur's cousins that are the birds and reptiles of today. We will get to explore the Oobleck "tar pit" this week as well. It's a wonderful hands-on sensory activity that will help the class have a better understanding of how dinosaurs got trapped in tar pits. Believe it or not, I could not find corn starch in a single store last week! This is definitely an activity that I don't want the kids to miss out on.

It's going to be another great week in preschool!

Areas of Focus

Dinosaurs
Sight Word: in



Literacy and Language



- Books: *It's Mine!*, *Dinosaurs Through Time*, *Saturday Night At The Dinosaur Stomp*, *Dinosaur Roar!*, *Dinosaur Dinners*, *Dinosaurs Days*, *Amazing Giant Dinosaurs*
- Take Home Dinosaur Alphabet Book
- Crocodile, Crocodile Down By The Lake Surprise Game

Math, Science, Sensory

- * Volcano Blow Art
- * Floating Ping-Pong Ball Experiment
- * Number Match Slap
(Matching playing cards around the room.)
- * Making Dinosaur Fossils



Important News

➔ **Wednesday** is pizza day for those that ordered. Please, still send morning snacks.

Poem

Dinosaur, Dinosaur

Dinosaur, dinosaur turn around.

(Spin around in place.)

Dinosaur, dinosaur stomp the ground.

(March in place.)

Dinosaur, dinosaur show your claws.

(Hands in the air with fingers bent like claws.)

Dinosaur, dinosaur snap your jaws.

(Show your teeth and open and shut your mouth.)

Dinosaur, dinosaur turn around.

(Spin around in place.)

Dinosaur, Dinosaur sit back down.

(Sit down on the floor.)

