



# WCA Preschool Times



February 20, 2024

Winter was back last week with snow and windchills in the low teens at times! This week looks like it will be a warmer one with a glimpse of spring in the air and some sunshine. *The mornings will still be chilly so please send your child in 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. 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 they were working on creativity as they picked out what color beads they wanted. Some did patterns while others wanted every color we had. 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 1-8. 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, engaging subject area for sure! In the weeks to come we will make our own dinosaur 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. The homemade kinetic sand is much loved so I have kept it in the sensory table and switched out the items in it. This week there are shovels and plastic dinosaur skeletons.

*Packages, on signs, etc. You can ask your child what the letter is and what sound it makes. We work on this every day and reinforcement at home will only strengthen your child's confidence and readiness to become a reader.*

## Areas of Focus

'Dinosaurs



## 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*
- Alphabet Archeologist (matching letters)
- Rhyming Cards

*Focus Words*

herbivore\* carnivore\* fossil\* extinct

## Math, Science, Sensory

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



## Important News

➔ **Friday**, pizza orders are due for those that would like pizza next week

-+ **Friday** is a half day with dismissal at 11:40e am. Please send morning snacks still.

## 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)

