



# WCA Preschool Times



February 26, 2024

The oobleck "tar pit" with plastic dinosaur skeletons last week was a hit! Everyone had the opportunity to explore the interesting texture. Cornstarch with just a small amount of water is a solid and liquid. It was a wonderful hands-on sensory activity that helped the class have a better understanding of how dinosaurs got trapped in tar pits. The class also had a chance to become a paleontologist as they used brushes to find letters and numbers in fine sand. During large group 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! I followed this with a dinosaur syllable activity in small groups. We have a wonderful variety of books in the room that have amazing and detailed pictures of a huge array of dinosaurs! This week we will continue our focus on dinosaurs! I suspect the class will absolutely love making their own plaster fossils they can take home. We will age the fossils as well by using instant coffee. The class will also make a dinosaur skeleton. Their fine motor and concentration skills will be hard at work while pasting various pasta shapes to a printout of a dinosaur skeleton they will assemble. We will continue to focus on the term's herbivore, carnivore, extinct and paleontologist as we learn more about these amazing creatures that roamed the earth so long ago! We will also learn about the dinosaur's cousins that are the birds and reptiles of today. It's going to be another great week in preschool!

## Areas of Focus

*Dinosaurs*



## 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

## 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, send mornings snacks still.