

What's Happening in Pre-K

Theme: Dinosaurs (and Valentines for 5 day Pre-K) February 13 - 17

Language Arts: We will do a mini author study as we read a variety of dinosaur books by Bernard Most. After reading his book, *If the Dinosaurs Came Back*, we will make our own response to the story by creating a class book. We will be reviewing our dinosaur and Valentines vocabulary.

Emerging Literacy/Reading: We will be working on the high frequency sight words for, to, & and. We will play games with the words to help boost recognition. We will also be clapping out syllables of scientific dinosaur names as we work on our phonemic awareness.

Fine Motor & Writing: We will be working on the letter R this week in our handwriting books. The children will continue to work in their journals where they will be asked to illustrate and write, to the best of their ability, a given prompt.

Math: We will work together to create our own patterns using sound during small groups. The children will also practice addition using story mats and manipulatives to solve verbal word problems.

Social Studies: The children continue to enjoy the United States Post Office in our Dramatic Play area. They are practicing the roles of customer, postal worker and mail deliverer. Additionally, they will practice paying with "money" to purchase stamps and envelopes, reading prices, and keeping a tidy post office. This is a great way to learn about our community and those working in it, as well as new vocabulary.

Science: We will be completing our unit on dinosaurs and as we do, we will chart facts about dinosaurs and seek answers to any of the questions we might still have. We will also be measuring in dino units using different sized dino foot prints.

Social/Emotional: We will continue talking about what being a good friend is and how to be kind and show we care.

Physical Development: We read and act out fun dinosaur songs and stories like "We are the Dinosaurs," and *I'm a Dirty Dinosaur*. We will also be playing "Hearts Aflutter" with the parachute.

Fine Arts: We will continue working on various dinosaur art projects as we complete our dinosaur unit.

Music –We will practice the songs we will sing in Church on Mar. 5, we'll play some music with rhythm sticks and we'll discuss tempo, rhythm and dynamics.

In **Science**, Mrs. Youngjohn is beginning a unit on the animal kingdom. The children will consider ways various species are different and the same. Discussion will include what types of coverings are on the bodies of different species, whether they are oviparous or mammals, and many other ways to distinguish one species from another.



School/Home Connection

- Your child will receive many Valentine's cards. Read them with your child and pick out the words that appear over and over. See if there are any rhyming words.
- Ask your child write a special Valentine message to someone in the family.
- Read to your child just for fun!
- Thank you to Mrs. Bryant for playing her cello for us and telling us all about it! We all enjoyed the variety of music she played.

Important Dates & Reminders

Feb. 14 – Valentine's celebration for the 5 day am class

Feb. 20 – School closed for President's Day

Feb. 24 – **Go Western Day** wear your Western clothes. No guns, please and send sneakers for the playground.

Mar. 5 – Sing at MDPC