

# Pre-K News

Sept. 28-Oct. 2

Week 7

Theme: Dinosaurs



## Concept

In Mrs. Ann's room the children will do quite a few group activities involving the tactile bag. One of these activities will contain a bristle block, a unit block, a sponge, Post It note paper, a small book, an index card and a felt square. The teachers will show all of the items to the class, then remove one, leaving the children to guess what is missing. Every day two new facts about dinosaurs will be introduced and discussed. The teachers will use miniature dinosaur figurines to help identify the many types of dinosaurs. This week the children will estimate how many crayons are in the "Estimation Jar". We will begin our lessons on the Five Senses, beginning with touch. The children will learn to use words such as scratchy, soft, bumpy, etc.

## Motor

Balance is our focus this week as the children practice their skills on the balance beam. A new path activity will have the children walk the line while stepping over blocks. Passing a ball from child to child helps improve eye-hand coordination. We will use the ball and wand as another way to improve this skill. We will have some fun stomping like dinosaurs using our balancing romper stompers. The children will have a great time stomping around to the CD "We Are the Dinosaurs". We plan to enjoy some outdoor play in our beautiful fall weather.

## Language Arts

Fossil, extinct, omnivorous, herbivorous, carnivorous and paleontologist are all new vocabulary words the children will learn this week. We will discuss what dinosaurs were like and where they lived. We will look at teaching pictures and explore fossils. Real versus pretend dinosaurs will be discussed as we compare Barney and Jurassic Park to real dinosaurs. The week we will focus specifically on the T-Rex and Triceratops.

## Craft and Writing

Our focus will be on numbers 7 and 8 this week, you will see this on our readiness papers. Will have a great time making a fun dinosaur craft this week.

## Teacher's Corner

Introductions: #7 & 8, Story #3,  
New Story Words: Missy, Manners, see,  
See  
Bits of Intelligence: World Wildlife  
Vocabulary: Gradual-little by little;  
moving or changing slowly  
Hesitate- to stop or wait  
a moment

### ATTENTION

We will be closed on  
Monday, October  
12<sup>th</sup> for all staff  
training.

Remember to  
please check  
your child's  
folder daily.

