Preschool March Themes! 2023

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March 6-10th Delightful Dinosaurs

March 13-17th Wonderful Weather

March 20-24th Rhyme Time

March 27-31st Abc's and 1,2, 3's

Dear Parents.

It is hard to believe February is over. During our Heart Healthy week, we cooked Banana Bread and made Mini Pizza's. We tried some new fruit and enjoyed our grocery store in the family center, trying to follow our grocery lists. We learned a lot about shapes and continued to work with them upon returning from vacation. We also practiced estimating and guessed how many hearts were in the bottle. Estimating is a fun and easy activity that helps all of us have a better sense of "amount"! We had upstairs downstairs day on Valentines day and had fun exploring the downstairs PreK classroom!

Next week we will explore the "History" of Dinosaurs! If you have a book or toy that your child wants to share with us, please feel free! We will also explore the world of "Paleontologists" and work to discover our own fossils in plaster... we will use other objects to measure how long some dinosaurs were as well as more estimating tasks.

Following this we will wait to see what our local weather brings, but also learn how clouds do what they do? How weather helps us? What can the wind do? etc....

We will explore lots of Language and Literacy with old familiar Rhymes and new ones that make us giggle! Rhyming and Reading is so important at this age. Have fun with your child, play rhyming games while driving or cooking dinner. Have them think about different letter sounds that they can change to make the rhyming word change.

During ABC's & 123's we will have lots of fun with the letters in our names as well as the letters in print that we see every day! Lots of us are beginning to recognize familiar words or letters that we see! (READING Stories every day is a great way to stay connected) We will also be counting up a storm (learning 1-1 correspondence) and working to recognize numerals 1-5 and more ©

** OUR VISITING READER SIGN IS STILL UP**

(Please turn Over)

Skills we will be working on:

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<u>Social/Emotional</u>- sharing, cooperating, taking turns with our dinosaurs. Continue to use kind words to express ourselves. We are having buddy time beginning mid March.

<u>Self-Help-</u> Working on getting dressed for outside with boots, zippers and the sequence of all the gear for outside. Trying to Work hard to problem solve with friends using words. Listening and following directions, working on self regulation with fun activities.

<u>Language</u>- following 2 step directions, learning our familiar songs in other languages, auditory memory, answering questions after listening to a story. New words.. Carnivore, Herbivore, extinct, erupt! Hearing and making rhymes, learning new rhymes as well as enjoying old favorites. Looking for print in the environment. (familiar Letters and words we see every day)

<u>Readiness</u>- counting up to 5 and on. Letter and numeral recognition, visual memory, sequencing a story or event. Learning the letters that make up our name.

<u>Motor Skills</u>- hopping on 1 foot, balancing on beams and on 1 foot, swinging and climbing as the weather turns warmer, yoga, building block towers, cutting following a line, holding a marker using pincer grasp. beginning to print our name

<u>Science/Math</u> - Measuring, estimating, hypothesizing (where the dinosaurs went, how they became extinct, what color they were?)

And so much more! Often we work on more than we could ever write down in detail...

<u>Upcoming events: keep an eye out for information in your child's cubby or on our web</u>
site! Or on our bulletin board!

Next Event: this Sunday March 5th at Freemans field a fun parent group Soccer get together- Caitlin DiGiacomo has organized this event with some parents to help with early soccer skills and ball work etc... and just to have FUN! Balls provided!! Look for the sign up!

<u>Planned by our own Parents: A Bowling Night and a Skate date as well as joining together to see a free movie on Saturday mornings at the Orpheum!</u>

(Look for Sign up sheets for Skate Date and Bowling)

Mrs. Schneider, Mrs. Amerault, Ms Buckley and Ms Kane