

April 22, 2024 (week 30)

Dear Parents,

The toddler classroom is set up around the seven essential learning centers that help develop the whole child. The materials within these centers will change based on the concepts, units and theme for the week. These are some of the opportunities your child will explore this week.

THEME: Dinosaurs

CONCEPT: Counting - Quantity

CONTRAST: Big/Little

HOME LIVING

All the normal home life equipment—big dolls, little dolls, big doll clothing, little doll clothing

BLOCKS

Dinosaurs and unit blocks, dinosaur Legos, cardboard blocks, dinosaur mountain.

PUZZLES

Dinosaur puzzles and wild animals.

SCIENCE/NATURE

Examine bones with magnifying glasses; dig for bones outdoors; take care of our garden.

ART/SENSORY

Paint on dinosaur shapes; large dinosaurs in the sand outdoors. Paint “So So Slowly,” “Little So and So” and “Terrible Thing.”

MUSIC/MOVEMENT

"Dinosaurs Lived Long Ago," "She Sailed Away," "Five Little Monkeys," "Ram Sam Sam," "Chay Chay Koolie," "Hiyahiyahiya," "ABC," "I Want Someone to Buy Me a Pony." Act out the stories *Dino Games* and *The Terrible Thing*.

BOOKS

So So Slowly; Dinosaur Roar; I Am a Dinosaur; My Pet Dinosaur; Dinosaurs at Your Fingertips.

MANNERS

Review manners.

FEEL BOX

Small dinosaurs