

<u>WOW...We Can't Wait to Explore!</u>

Math: During our week of "Dinosaurs", we are planning on sorting dinosaurs by what they eat (plants vs. meat), creating dinosaur patterns with our dinosaur counters as well as using "dinosaur bones" (Q-tips) to practice our counting skills! The rest of the month will be filled with sorting hot and cold items, guessing how many objects are inside the estimation jar, sorting and counting upper and lowercase letters...plus much more!

Science: The Zebras can't wait to create their own fossils using playdough and discussing what they see, searching for bones and objects in a sensory area, making predictions about what is inside a plastic egg, exploring water but also watching the process of water turning into ice, searching for cars, experimenting with cars on roads and bumps, touching and identifying different textures, finding out what happens when we mix water and dirt together, using flashlights and listening for sounds and trying to identify them.

Literacy: As a class, we will be having LOTS of discussions about dinosaurs, looking at words in the dictionary like "extinct", sharing ideas about arctic animals, what we use ice for and many other topics for our class discussions. We are hoping to become familiar with road signs that we see, creating buildings with letters and searching for tools and machines in our environment.

Art: What will our Zebras be doing at the art center? Drawing dinosaurs, creating letters with paints and Q-tips, using a new material such as macaroni to create, using ice as a painting tool, creating an arctic mural, exploring paints and penguin feathers, using chalk to create roads and maps, tearing paper to make a mural and more!

Let us Hear Your Voice...

Ine Little, Two Little, Three Little Dinosaurs" One little, two little, three little, dinosaurs, Four little, five little, six little dinosaurs, Seven little, eight little, nine little dinosaurs, Ten little dinosaurs, in a row!

"Im a Little Penguin" Im a little penguin round and fat Here is my beak, here is my hat. Winter days are coming, hear me shout, Please don't toss my mittens out!



• Ms. Jennifer's son, Teddy, is turning 4 at the end of this month!

• One of Ms. Ursula's favorite restaurants is Costal Flatts!

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To:

Road Builders By: B. G. Hennessey

This story is a great mix of big pictures, learning what each truck does and how the process of building a road starts and what the end result turns out to be. Our preschools LOVE this story...they meet the crew; they see big pictures of all of the "worker" trucks and find out what each truck does. At the end, they see how a road is created...a good story to show the sequence of events!

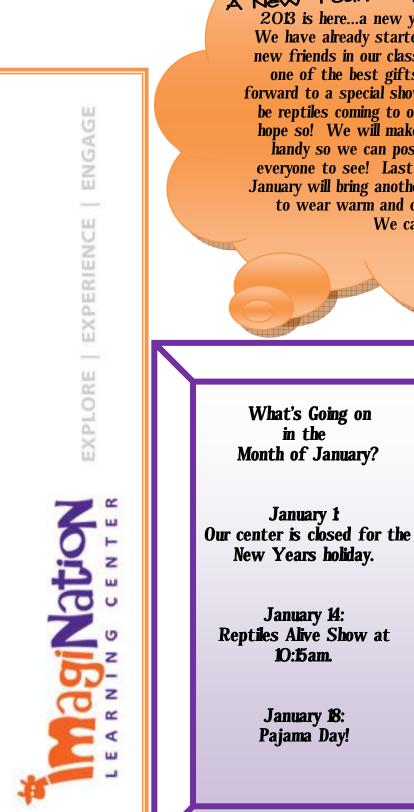




Hands Can By: Cheryl Willis

When the children in our class turn three. it's a time that they realize that they are independent and there's LOTS of things that they can do on their own. This book is a great example of what hands can do. Our threes love to share what they can do and when we read this story, it gives them an opportunity to share with the class all the things their special hands can do!





Teacher Pick's





A New Year. Reptiles. Pajamas and more!

2013 is here...a new year will bring new things! We have already started off the New Year with new friends in our classroom ... and friendships are one of the best gifts EVER! We are looking forward to a special show about Reptiles...will there be reptiles coming to our school? Maybe and we hope so! We will make sure to have our camera handy so we can post our show pictures for everyone to see! Last but not least, the end of January will bring another pajama day...another day to wear warm and cozy clothes to school... We can't wait!

January Birthday's





Gloria Gaskins January 17, 2009



Kaylee Garcia January 15, 2010



Teddy Trynock January 26, 2009