

Still no sign of what dinosaur tooth Ralphie has, but they came across some eggs that began to hatch! Because of their excellent dinosaur detective skills, we quickly found out they were diplodocus dinosaurs. We learned a cool fun fact that the diplodocus dinosaur would actually swallow stones to help them digest their food. Pretty cool! Ralphie literally bumped into a brachiosaurus and when the brachiosaurus started to walk, the class ran off into a cave...but they weren't alone Stay tuned for tomorrow's chapter!

After our illustrations, we wrapped up our stories we began writing last week that I'm so proud of how hard they are working on incorporating all five elements to a story: characters, setting, plot, conflict, and resolution. Way to go everybody! We then started bringing our characters to life by making our puppets and will finish them up tomorrow. Hopefully we can start our puppet shows on Wednesday and maybe you could all join us via Skype for one if they feel ready!

Today's specials were P.E. and Greek. Once again, the weather was warm enough for the park, but not warm enough to not have a hat, gloves, etc. Please make sure your child has some.

Have a great evening:)

-Ms. Anna

Happy Tuesday everyone!

We're so happy the Allosaurus didn't eat Ralphie, yikes! We read chapter 6 today and after drawing our illustrations we headed over to the library for a little bit. I can't go into detail about what we did when we returned, but I promise you will all find out soon-we're trying to keep it a surprise! We finished our puppets today, yay! Hopefully some of us will be ready to put on our plays tomorrow and just about everyone said they would love to put a live one on for you all:) Our special today was Greek and they are getting very excited for the program next Friday. Please let me know if your child cannot attend so I can relay the message to their Greek teachers and they have time to make any changes if needed. Because of our secret surprise taking up a good chunk of our morning, we ended the day playing math games, finishing part 1 of our surprise, and independent reading.

Have a great night and see you tomorrow!

-Ms. Anna

Sorry Parents! I totally forgot to send out yesterday's blurb so I've just combined today's and yesterday's for you!

March 14 highlights: In chapter 7 today, Ralphie, Ms. Frizzle, and the rest of the class left the Jurassic Period and traveled on to the Cretaceous Period. There, they helped a herd of triceratops get away from some hungry troodon! However, those pesky little dinosaurs were the least of their problems. Stay tuned for tomorrow's chapter to see what else happens, or who else they encounter, in the Cretaceous Period. After completing our illustrations, we moved on to our morning challenge. Today was the day, FINALLY! We were paleontologists excavating some dinosaur eggs! I was very impressed to see how gentle and careful your children were. They remembered that it can sometimes take years to successfully dig up dinosaur fossils and that once found, it is a long process that requires patience and handling delicately. Some were even able to keep their eggs almost completely in form while still being able to get the dinosaurs out! It was super exciting to discover what dinosaurs everyone had and we used our own dinosaur detective skills (just like the book) to look up the ones we didn't know in either the guide or our non-fiction books. Our specials were P.E. with Kuria Efi and Greek.

- Our class has been saying the Pledge of Allegiance this week and will throughout next week as well. Please remember to have your children here by 8:45.
- Books orders are due Friday, March 16 and feel free to send your deposit in before then, too.

March 15 highlights: We finished our Dinosaur Detectives book, yay! Our books look AWESOME! Your children are super excited to read them to you. Because chapter 9 was so short, we doubled up and read that today, too. In chapter 8, the class witnessed a tyrannosaurus rex attack on an ankylosaurus! But what got everybody super excited was that we finally found out which dinosaur Ralphie's fossil tooth belonged to-the mighty ankylosaurus! Pretty cool that the ankylosaurus used the club on its tail to whack its enemy around! Did you know that even their eyelids had bony shutters? The class returned to school and couldn't believe they had really traveled back in time until they saw the gigantic scratch on the bus made by the coelophysis. Our books took up the majority of our morning since we had two pages to do and a title/cover page as well. We had free exploration for the rest of our morning and got in our first practice for the end of the year program!

Fun quote of the day: "Ms. Anna, you said we had five more minutes of reading and that was only four! I counted to 60 four times!"

I've included some recommendations from this month's book orders. See below:

Seesaw

- Alexander and the Terrible, Horrible, No Good, Very Bad Day (item number 3K8)
- The Berenstain Bears Reader 6-pack (7K8)
- Rosie Revere, Engineer (70K8)

Inchworm

- Leo Lionni Pack (34B8)

Firefly

- Elephant & Piggie Friendship Fun 4-Pack (18J8)
- Golilocks & The Three Dinosaurs (26J8)

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- The Kissing Hand (36M8)
- Stomp, Dinosaur, Stomp (65M8)
- Little Pebble Space Book (38M8)