



Armadillo News March 2018

Dates to Remember:

-**Friday, March 30th** – no school for **Good Friday**

-April vacation starts at the end of school on **Friday, April 13th**

-**Monday, April 23rd** - school resumes.

Thank You to:

-Harper's family and Jack's family for the yummy birthday treats.

-Will's mom for coming in to read two books that they later gifted to the classroom.

-Charlie's mom for coming in to read a story.

-Juliet's mom for coming in to read a story.

-Kinley's mom for coming in to read and share some St. Patrick's Day fun.

-All the parents who worked so hard to plan and participate in the Hoedown Fund Raiser.

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

Last week the Armadillos thoroughly enjoyed waking the sleeping bear, who has been hibernating in our classroom. Children were invited to bring their favorite stuffed animal in from home to join in the fun. Some children chose to make necklaces and leashes for their stuffed animals, while others built homes for them in the block area or played with them at the dino dig site. During circle time, we talked about our favorite signs of spring- the sound of birds chirping, flowers, butterflies, the promise of warmer weather- and after reading a story about a waking bear and singing a spring song, the bear reluctantly woke up. We shared a snack of berries as we welcomed in the new season with enthusiasm. Despite the winter-like weather, after two tries, we were able to convince the bear and ourselves that better and warmer days are not too far away!

ACTIVITIES & SKILLS

Our most recent theme-Dinosaurs- gave the Armadillos the chance to share their considerable knowledge, and to learn lots of interesting new facts. During circle time we read books about how big the dinosaurs were, what they ate and how they cared for their young. At the writing table we drew with stencils and cut shapes to create our own original dinosaurs. The dramatic play area became a dig site, where children could look for bones and fossils in the sand box, using tools like sieves, brushes and shovels. At the art table they built a volcano, and using baking soda and vinegar, made it erupt over and over again. The children made great use of our measuring tools and their counting skills as we tried to imagine just how large the gigantic prehistoric animals really were. We practiced measuring with various tools, including a ruler and a yard stick for a water grown alligator. In the span of a week, it grew from 6 to 16 inches. The children also traced and measured their feet to compare them to the actual size of a young t-rex's footprint.

FAVORITE STORIES and SONGS

- [How Big Were The Dinosaurs?](#) by Bernard Most
- [My Dinosaur](#) by Mark Allen Weatherby
- [Never Follow a Dinosaur](#) by Alex Latimer
- [Spring is Here](#) by Will Hildenbrand

