



Wishing you all a Joyous Holiday and Peace in the New Year!

Dates to Remember:

December break begins at the end of the school day, **Friday, Dec. 20th**.
-School resumes **Monday, January 6th, 2020**.

Fri., Jan. 17th - No school- Staff Professional Development Retreat

Mon., Jan. 20th- No school in observance of Martin Luther King Jr. Day

Thank You To:
Kyrillos' family for the delicious birthday treats.

Wyatt and Parker's family for the yummy holiday treats we shared at snack.

And a special thank you to all the TCW parents for the wonderful breakfast buffet and generous gift!

CLASSROOM HIGHLIGHTS

The stars and moons you helped your children create were shared at circle time with joy and pride. We learned so much about each other's traditions: the giving and receiving of gifts, special decorations, shared meals and festivities with family and friends. Their work is displayed on our bulletin board, allowing the children time to look at them over and over again, remembering their own as well as their friends' beloved traditions. Earlier this month the Loker School 5th Grade Chorus came to sing with us during our usual Community Sing. We all gathered in the large hearing room to first listen to them perform a few winter songs, and then to join them in a Jingle Bells sing-along. Everyone enjoyed the opportunity to share such special moments with the elementary school kids, many of whom attended preschool at TCW.

ACTIVITIES & SKILLS

The Armadillos have really enjoyed our current dinosaur theme. We have been using stencils, stamps, water colors and crayons to make pictures of our favorite dinosaurs. Dinosaurs of all shapes and sizes have been available all over the classroom, including in the block area, on the science table and at the sensory tables to enjoy with playdough, shaving cream and floam. The children collaborated to draw and cut out a life size t-rex footprint. They then traced each other's feet, colored and cut them out and taped them onto the t-rex footprint in an effort to compare the size of the two feet. We estimated how many feet it would take to cover the whole footprint, and discovered it takes more than 25 children's feet to equal 1 t-rex foot.

FAVORITE STORIES and SONGS:

- Dinosaurs: Answers to Questions About the Prehistoric Past by Rupert Matthews
- Do You Really want to Meet an Ankylosaurus by Annette Pimentel
- The Hat by Jan Brett
- The Reader by Amy Hest

