

PARENT PARTICIPATION LETTER



Please read to your child as often as possible.

Dear Parents,

Welcome to **January** Week 4 of **Exceed Preschool Curriculum** for four year olds. This week's theme is "Dinosaurs."

During the fourth week in **January**, children will be discussing dinosaurs. This is a favorite topic among preschool children as they are fascinated with the features of animals that no longer exist. In the **Language/Literacy Focus**, the letter "F" and the rhyme "Fish Story" are introduced. Children will also begin discussing words that rhyme. Rhyming words are words that have the same ending sound. The **Math Focus** will review the concept of counting objects (1-10), recognizing and naming numbers (1-10) and counting by rote 1-15. Additionally, the diamond shape will be introduced. **Science** will include making a volcano and experiencing a pretend eruption. During the **Cultural Focus**, children will create a dinosaur environment, search for fossils and create footprints. In **Music**, children will learn a new song, dance with dinosaur feet and participate in movement activities with balls. **Art** activities will include working with templates, sand painting and 3-dimensional art.

From time to time, **Exceed Preschool Curriculum's** lesson plans include "Observations." These are skills that can be observed by the staff during a daily preschool schedule. For example, observations might include whether or not children can serve themselves during lunch or apologize to their friends when a misunderstanding occurs. This week a **Parent Observations** is introduced for you to consider.

Parent Observations

Observe whether or not your children can dress themselves completely except for tying their shoes. This is an opportunity to encourage self-help skills and build self-esteem.

Suggestions to Enrich Classroom Activities

1. Bring your child's favorite book about dinosaurs. (Please write your child's name inside the front of the book.)
2. Make a copy of your child's favorite songs on cassette tape for the classroom.
3. If available, bring pictures of dinosaurs, plastic action figures of dinosaurs, plastic grocery bags.

Thank you for sharing your child with us.

Your Child's Teacher

Talk to your child about his/her day. Ask questions that require more than one word answers.

TRAVEL TALK

to and from school

Tell me about the story your teacher read today.

What rhyme are you saying this week? ("Fish Story")

What are some words that begin with the letter "F"? (Fruit, flower, feather, feet, face, fish, etc.)

What are words that rhyme? (Feet, eat, fun, run, flea, sea, head, bed, etc.)

Tell me about dinosaurs.

Trace a diamond shape with your finger.

After Day 3, **What are fossils?** (Things found buried in the ground.)

After Day 4, **Tell me about volcanoes?**

Can you count to 15?

BATH/BED TIME TALK

getting ready for bed

Tell me about things you did in Music today.

After Day 3, **Show me how to dance with dinosaur feet?**

What are you going to do tomorrow?