

Dear Dolphin Families,

After a long Winter Holiday, we were glad to see our friends and teachers back at school. Our first theme of 2023 was "Dinosaurs". With an abundance of science experiments, classroom discussions and art activities, this theme is always a big hit. We went on our fourth field trip to the National Museum of Nature & Science in Ueno Park and saw some real dinosaur bones! For art we made dinosaur headbands, skeleton fossils and a "hatchling dinosaur".

On our theme party, February 3, we had a lot of fun activities. We made our very own paleontologist ID cards. We had a "Tiny-Diny Rescue". Oh no, the Tiny-Dinies (mini toy dinosaurs) were frozen in ice. We had to rescue them! How did we melt the ice? With our body heat; we melted the ice in our hands. We also had a cooking class, "Fossil in a Cup of Dirt". The fossils (gummy dinosaur) were buried under the earth's soil (crumbled chocolate flakes and chocolate ice cream). We had to excavate (eat)! It's a good thing that we are all newly certified paleontologists. Yum! It was also Setsubun 節分, and we threw beans at Oni 鬼. "Oni wa soto! Fuku wa uchi!" ("Devils out, happiness in"). In math we covered the time & money units and have now completed our Collins Maths textbook and workbook. Next month we will have a robust review of addition & subtraction, doubles & halves and skip-counting. In science we are diving deep into the world of materials. Did you know that we get wool from sheep and silk from worms? Some materials are man-made and cannot be found in nature, such as plastic. In literacy we have been studying digraphs with our daily spelling tests and reading example sentences in our workbooks. We also completed our poetry unit: "Puff!", "Late One Night in Kalamazoo", "A Hatchling Song" & "Tiny Diny". The monkey strummed a blue guitar! This month we also introduced Storytelling, and it has been going swimmingly. Good job Dolphins! We also celebrated five birthdays: Prisha, Sneha, Rika, Arata, Inba. Happy Birthday!

Happy New Year,
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