

Horse Room – am class
December 2018

After visiting the planetarium we began to learn more about our earth. We learned about the layers of the earth – inner core, outer core, mantle, and crust. We also talked about what the earth was made of. The children sorted animals and transportation vehicles into water, land, and air. We are now beginning to learn about the animal kingdom. December's focus has been on animals that hatch from eggs, mostly fish, amphibians, birds, and reptiles.

The children are enjoying learning about reptiles of long ago. We will add dinosaurs to our science, math, art, language, and music areas. We will be measuring, counting, and even singing about these extinct reptiles. Some of our friends who had considered becoming astronauts may now be thinking about being paleontologists!

The language works in our classroom have gathered no dust this month. Some friends are matching objects by beginning sounds, some are word building, and others are writing in journals.

We will be having a gathering in the horse room next month for parents interested in learning more about our language program or perhaps volunteering to listen to readers in our room. (Date will be announced soon.)

Remember that reading to your child is one of the best ways to help your child learn to love reading. Additionally, it is a great way to bond with your child!

Here are some types of books your child may enjoy:

3 year olds – homemade books, photo albums, nursery rhymes

4 year olds – silly books, books with different illustrators, stories that engage their emotions, I SPY books

5 year olds – riddles, poems, stories with problems to solve

6 year olds – science books, books with facts they can read themselves, beginning chapter books that you read to them

Thanks again for sending your child with outdoor clothing each day. Our Illinois weather can be a bit unpredictable. Thanks also for labeling the tags with your child's name. We are still learning whom all the outdoor clothing belongs to.

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