During the month of January, the friends at The Children’s School entered into the world of Dinosaurs! It was really more of a collision of worlds as prehistoric material found its way into our centers, our play times, and our time together in circle. By slowly introducing information into the block center, the sand table, the book corner and circle, the friends were able to build their knowledge using concepts and structures already familiar to them. Books like “The World of Dinosaurs”, “Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs” by Byron Barton, “Ten Little Dinosaurs” by Pattie Schnetzler, “My Dinosaur” by Mark Allen Weathersby, and “How Do Dinosaurs Go To School?” by Jane Yolen ushered us into a world of creatures that we can’t see anymore.

The dinosaur unit gave us multiple opportunities to practice observing and comparing/contrasting. Each dinosaur is different and many have unique characteristics. The children have developed acute observation skills and have solidified and expanded their understanding of the Stegosaurus or Apatosaurus as they play.

Size is an important concept when exploring the world of dinosaurs, and we engaged in many activities to understand just how big they were. We stretched a rope down the hall to show how long a Diplodocus was and we traced all of our footprints in a Tyrannosaurus Rex’s footprint! On the other hand, we saw that a Stegosaurus’ brain was about the size of a golf ball and that our brains are much bigger!

Because dinosaurs interacted with each other, playing with them encouraged the children to play together and practice their social skills. The friends had to negotiate, share, wait, listen and sometimes apologize when the carnivores got too fierce or the Stegosaurus spikes got too wild!
DISCOVERING DINOSAURS

Javier scrubbing the different types of dinosaurs in the water table.

Betsy painting a Tyrannosaurus Rex.

Deborah creating a prehistoric scene with Legos.

Violet working on a dinosaur pattern.

Malena using tools with the natural clay.

Izhak listening to a story with our friend, Miss Chong.
BRINGING AN EXTINCT WORLD TO LIFE!

Tomer and friends performing, “The Three Stegosauruses Gruff”.

Ava marching like a dinosaur after adding her footprint to the Tyrannosaurus print.

Violet thinking about what color to add next on her Stegosaurus.

Andrew and Cash placing the last few pieces of the puzzle with our friend, Miss Kim.

Javier and friends using bubble wrap mittens to texture the box like dinosaur scales.

Betsy sifting the sand in search for dinosaur bones!
We want to say “Thank you” and also look ahead...

The new year brought with it new opportunities for learning, new friends, and just the right amount of snow (so far!). But what remained the same is our excitement for exploring and our appreciation for those who added to our school experience.

Thank you to Tomer’s mother who joined us for Tomer’s birthday celebration and shared a story with the Blue Room friends. We are grateful for our relationship with the Natural History Museum and the dinosaur artifacts they made available to us. Even though our theme on dinosaurs is coming to a close, the children are still very excited about it and you can foster that passion by visiting the museum and learning together!

Thank you to Lauren Hraber, a former Children’s School parent, who will be doing a music program with us each month and also to the families who shared in the Martin Luther King Day sing-a-long!

OUR NEXT THEME IS PITTSBURGH!

WE WILL LEARN ABOUT THE THINGS THAT MAKE THIS CITY GREAT!

Mrs. Tomer            Miss Stevens            Mr. Salinetro
OUR FRIENDS FROM DUKSUNG!

THANK YOU MISS CHONG AND MISS KIM!!
WE WILL MISS YOU!
FOR THE PAST FIVE YEARS, WE HAVE WELCOMED STUDENTS FROM DUKSUNG WOMEN'S UNIVERSITY IN SOUTH KOREA INTO OUR SCHOOL AND LIVES. THIS YEAR WE WERE BLESSED TO MEET YOU JIN CHONG AND SO JIN KIM. WE HAD SUCH A GREAT TIME LEARNING AND PLAYING WITH YOU AND WE WISH YOU THE BEST! YOU WILL MAKE WONDERFUL TEACHERS!!