Dinosaurs at The Children’s School...
During the month of November, the three-year-old classes explored the world of the dinosaurs! We talked about what they looked like and what they ate, and we tried to answer the question, “If they aren’t alive today, then how do we know they lived?”.

At the beginning of our Dinosaur Theme, the teachers asked the children, “What do you know about dinosaurs?” From this activity, we found that some friends liked dinosaurs and some didn’t and a few friends were more interested in the color marker we were using to write our ideas... we were starting from scratch.

What a great opportunity! We began by looking at books like “Giant Dinosaurs” by Eric Rowe, “Dinosaur Roar” by Paul and Henrietta Strickland and “How Do Dinosaurs Go to School?” by Jane Yolen and Mark Teague. We also made dinosaurs available in all of our centers so the children could incorporate what they learned into their play. Soon we had Stegosauruses protecting themselves with their spikes in the block area, leaves cut out of paper at the art tables to feed the herbivores, or plant-eaters, and elaborate landscapes created at the Lego table.

Digging up the past...
One of the things we had a great time doing was learning about paleontologists and that they dig up dinosaur fossils. Here’s how we did it!
We enriched the learning environment in many other ways. The Carnegie Museum lent us a few boxes of dinosaur fossils to examine. We listened to some great songs, including our favorite “We Are the Dinosaurs” by Laurie Berkner. We also did a few science experiments, like creating a volcano and making it erupt in many different colors.

Painting our volcano in preparation for the eruption!

Drawing some of our dinosaurs.

Investigating a Tyrannosaurus Rex tooth.
In other news...

Can Across The Cut
We want to say thank you once again to all that helped contribute to the food drive that benefited the “Cans Across the Cut” event here on campus. It was a great way to start developing the children’s awareness that there are some people who don’t have enough food and that you’re never too young to help!

Run For Hunger
Our friends also had a great time helping others by doing what children do best: RUN! We took to the playground, completing lap after lap, all in the name of helping others. It has really been a great couple of weeks of giving, which is leading up to this holiday season!

Special days and friends
We had the joy of welcoming a few guests into the classroom. Naveen’s grandmother (right) came to read a story to the Red Room friends and Felix’s mother (left) has been teaching the morning friends some French words and songs.

Birthdays
We’ve celebrated a few birthdays at school over the past month or so. The morning Red Room friends celebrated with Yunah and Alexander and the afternoon friends enjoyed stories and snacks with Nile, Hugo, Emmet and Alice.

*Please remember that anyone is welcome to come spend time reading, celebrating a birthday, or doing a project. Just give us a call or send an e-mail so we can arrange a day and time!