

MAY 15 , 2026

Preschool Newsletter

This week our classroom traveled back in time to explore the exciting world of dinosaurs!

We started off by reading the book "Curious George Dinosaure Tracks" by Bruce Akiyama. We created dinosaurs track paintings using toy dinosaurs and colorful paint, stamping their feet to discover that every dinosaur leaves different shaped tracks. The children explored frozen dinosaurs trapped in ice trays and used warm water and eye droppers to melt the ice and rescue them.

For our language and literacy lesson we used our Handwriting Without Tears curriculum to build "Mat Man." Mat Man helps children practice important writing readiness skills such as body awareness, sequencing, placement, and recognition skills. We worked together to build Mat Man piece by piece while the children watched and followed along. Then it was the children's turn to draw Mat Man themselves!

For our spiritual lesson, we continued learning about Mary, the Mother of Jesus. We thanked Mary for saying "yes" to God and for lovingly taking care of baby Jesus. We continued practicing Mary's favorite prayer, the Hail Mary, and made our own rosaries using beads and pipe cleaners.

It has been a true pleasure watching your children grow this year. We are thankful for all the wonderful learning, creativity, and kindness shared in our classroom. God bless and have a wonderful summer!

Many blessings,
Mrs. Evans, Mrs. Slating, and Mrs. Norton

Learning Objective:

Science
Demonstrates knowledge
of the characteristics of
living things

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Important Dates:

- **May 15 End of Year Picnic**
12:30-1:30 PM
- **May 22 Last Day of**
Preschool (Half Day)