

DinoSailors

During March, the afternoon class read a series of books by Deb Lund which follows the travels of a group of adventuring dinosaurs; the first book in this series is called *DinoSailors*. For this book students learned about dinosaurs and fossils through classroom activities, including; wax resist fossil painting, acting out the story, social and dramatic play, and science projects. 3-15



Students create 'fossils' by coloring a picture with white, gray, or cream colored crayons, then painting over the bones with water color paints. The bones show through the paint creating the appearance of a fossil.



Students participate in a Dino-Dig. Using paintbrushes, hammers, and chisels under teacher supervision, students search for bones in the dirt and rock then excavated them using tools.



Deb worked with students on letter recognition and phonics through a game called "Dino Meal ". Students were given a letter to identify, sound out, and pair with a word. Teachers supported through signing, letter annunciation, and encouraging students to list as many words as they could pair with the letter.



Through hands-on exploration and social play, students investigated the physical and behavioral characteristics of dinosaurs. Teacher supported by finding additional media sources and classroom resources to help students deepening their understanding of dinosaur related concepts.