



SUN BEARS: POETRY & DINOSAURS

Poems and dinosaurs may not have lots in common except that Sun Bears have been learning more about both in the last two weeks of school. Below you will find poems that we wrote as a class. On the next page, read more about how we brought something extinct to life!

UPCOMING DATES:

Parent /Teacher
Conferences (no
school)

April 20, 21

WUNS Family
Play Date:

April 26 (3:15 – 5)

Poetry provides so many learning opportunities for four and five year olds—it develops auditory memory, helps children make print connections, develops phonological awareness (rhyme, rhythm, alliteration), enhances fluency, develops vocabulary, sparks children's interest in reading, helps children fall in love with language, and it is a lot of fun!

This poem was inspired by Jack Prelutsky's "It's Raining Pigs and Noodles." Here is the Sun Bear version:

It's raining chickens and penguins,
It's pouring eyebrows and cats
Assorted boxes and pickles
I see a blankie and cars!

This poem is a "simile" poem, comparing two things using the word "as": The Sun Bears had a great time with this one, each contributing a line:

I am as quick as a flash of lightning
I am as slow as a turtle
I am as small as a mouse
I am as large as a panda bear
I am as happy as a smiley face
I am as sad as a rain cloud
I am as nice as a brave girl
I am as mean as a bulldog
I am as cold as an ice cube
I am as hot as the sun
I am as weak as a mouse
I am as strong as my daddy
I am as loud as a speaker
I am as quiet as a whisper
I am as brave as a lion!

Last but not least, we tried a rhyming poem on a subject very important to this age:

When I am six, I will mix, I will like chicks, and I will fix.
Maybe I will like art, write patterns on a chart, in a garden I will put a heart.
I will ride a shark, I will find treasures in the dark, I will touch bark.



Dinosaur (and Pikachu) Tails!

We also painted a dinosaur foot, shaped dinosaurs out of playdoh and enjoyed these books:

Dinosaur in My Back Yard and Edwina, the Dinosaur Who Didn't Know She Was Extinct.



We found something cuter than Sun Bears—Sun Bears & Puppies. Sam, a student worker, visited and explained her job fostering puppies. Lilo and Stitch are 8 weeks old, a brother and sister terrier mix. Sam explained the rules about staying quiet (the puppies are babies, after all) and holding out a fist to them to sniff. We washed hands before and after petting and were thoroughly charmed!



*Until next time,
Miss Katie and Miss Colleen*