

Busy Bees

March 12 - 16th

Dinosaurs / St. Patrick's Day

### Story Time

Books: Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs Fossil First Dinosaur Encyclopedia Dinosaurs A - Z How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You? The Littlest Dinosaur How Do Dinosaurs Go to School? Let's Celebrate St. Patrick's Day Five Little Shamrocks Jack and the Leprechaun Timothy O'Toole & the Wee Folk The Night Before St. Patrick's Day A Rainbow All Around Me  
Songs and Finger Plays: The Dinosaurs Go Marching Apatosaurus Had A Very Long Neck 5 Little Leprechauns Do You See the Leprechaun? A Rainbow of Colors  
Games: Dinosaur Syllable Count Dino Dots - visual work with quantity The Leprechaun Says - following directions

### Language

A Pair of Protoceratops at FLLC Bernard Most Illustrated a story about two dinosaurs doing everyday childhood activities such as playing with puzzles, eating popcorn, taking a nap and .... We will use his story as our inspiration to make a classroom book listing activities a pair of protoceratops could do at our school. And we ourselves will be photographed wearing dinosaur heads to illustrate our book.

Dinosaurs! An emergent reader booklet that we will use for choral "readings" and "re-readings" in class. The children will be able to memorize the simple and repetitive text quickly but this allows for them to begin to see ways that the words they know relate to the printed text on the page. Once a mini version of this book comes home please have your child share it with you.

The Shamrock Shuffle We will pass the leprechaun's hat, pull out a shamrock and try to identify the rhyming word pairs pictured there. When the shamrock has a picture of a leprechaun instead we all shuffle to a new place on the circle.

Shiny Gold Alphabet Work Find the coins, hidden around the room. Then match the letters on the coins to either shamrocks with letters written on them or pictures of items with those beginning sounds.

### Math

Dinosaur Pattern Blocks Learning about shapes and geometry  
Ten Frames with Dinosaurs 1-1 correspondence practice and simple operations  
More / Less Leprechaun Game Pick a number & lay out that many leprechauns. Next take a second number & count out that number of beards & determine whether the faces & beards correspond.

### Art / Projects

Protoceratop Heads We will decorate our paper Dino heads by coloring and gluing collage materials

Pots of Gold A leprechaun may just dive into these pots of gold!

### Fine Motor / Gross Motor

Push Pin Dinosaurs Great eye hand coordination work

Rainbow Weaving Yarn colors are wrapped over and under, over and under

A St. Patty's Obstacle Course Follow the leprechaun's path around & through various obstacles

### Science

A Fizzy Surprise A Leprechaun will leave us a magic mixture, featuring a chemical reaction between soda and vinegar

### Social Studies

Dinosaur Pass Children will have a chance to strengthen their listening skills - specifically listening to one another, as we listen to the friend who is holding the dinosaur and sharing their response to our discussion questions