Special Activities this Week:

- The students had a “dino”mite week! Along with our regular activities for Jesus Time, it was emphasized that every living thing was created by God. That would include the dinosaurs. It is amazing how many books do not acknowledge the Lord’s creative power. I hope that if there is only one thing that the students learned this week, it would be that in the beginning God made all things. There are many unanswered questions about these creatures and someday we will be able to ask our Lord in heaven.

- We also learned how Jesus cares for all of our needs as we learned how Jesus fed 5000 people. The students applied what they learned as we wrote cards to Mrs. Lipsey and shut-ins from OSLC. Their cards shared the love of Jesus and reminders that Jesus cares for them. We continue to pray for all of them.

- We worked on their spatial awareness and attention to lines and curves as they drew dinosaurs. Then we renamed the dinosaurs as we substituted each student’s first name for the first part of a dinosaur word. They had fun using watercolors to create a colorful design on their drawings.

- They pretended to be paleontologists. They learned that paleontologists take measurements of bones and make drawings. Then the students learned to use a ruler to make drawings of bones that were so many inches long.

- They made a number of dinosaur and desert books and stories. What an imagination they have!

- We read a special newspaper which helped us learn about teeth. It was fun to watch a special video that taught us about herbivores and carnivores and different types of teeth.

- During Literacy Time the students learned more about authors and illustrators. They learned that sometimes the text and illustrations match as in If You Give a Pig a Pancake. Then there are times that the illustrations tell an additional story or provide extra information as in Rosie’s Walk and Officer Buckle and Gloria. During centers students practiced sequencing and retelling the events in 2 of these books. Other centers gave practice playing games to practice digraphs and long vowel sounds. They also worked on making sentences in correct form.

- During Math the students had fun exercising to Jack Hartmann using a “Forward & Back” song to help us count by tens to 100 and then backwards. We also worked on place value identifying sets of ten.

- We welcomed Elaina to our class. The students are being great friends to her and are very helpful to her!
Homework

Memory Work for Friday, March 6 is: “Blessed ...are those who hear the Word of God and keep it.” Luke 11:28

Books to Save:  If I Were a Dinosaur     Way Out West Critters     A Desert Cactus (coming next week)

Please help your child to learn these new words for the third trimester. We will continue next week reading these words and learning to remember them. I will keep adding more words each week. Please add them to your child’s word box.

3rd Tri. Words:  stop, by, say, think, zero, make, play, them, then, said, new, good, ate, were, grow

Many students are able to read all of the words below. If your child did not master these words, please refer to your child’s report card to see which words your child still needs to learn. I will continue to check if your child has learned these important words. Thanks for your help at home! It makes a big difference.

1st Tri. Words:  a, can, I, me, my, the, God, go, up, red, orange, yellow, green, blue, purple, black, white, brown, pink, tan, gray, an, at, do, eight, five, four, in, is, it, like, nine, on, one, see, seven, six, ten, this, three, two, we, am, and, as, did, saw, that, have, yes, no, not, has, sees, was, look

2nd Tri. Words:  Jesus, are, need, God, for, now, went, here, to, come, you, with, what, be, from, of, all, who, there, give, many, love, if, would, wear, where, put, will, but, so, does, came, how, find, they, he, want, your, she, when, into, out, home, soon, could