



Dear Family,

Our class is creating thematically integrated projects about dinosaurs. We have done research to learn about dinosaurs. Each child selected a different dinosaur to study. We will make tables and graphs to show dinosaur lengths and heights. We have written multiple-paragraph reports based on our research. We are typing up the reports in the computer lab and are making "Paintbrush" illustrations of the dinosaurs. The reports and illustrations will be merged and printed out for the Second Grade Writing Portfolios.

We will be creating another exciting project to reinforce our study of dinosaurs. Students will be constructing dioramas at home. ***Dioramas should be no larger than a SHOE BOX. Students must use the dinosaurs which have been provided- other dinosaurs should NOT be included. A paragraph about building your diorama will be completed in class and presented during the Oral Presentation.*** The attached information should be helpful in preparing your diorama. This project should be completed and turned in by ***Monday, May 23. This project should mainly be the work of your child.***

Sincerely,

Ms. España

***Some Helpful Hints and Ideas:***

- Sandpaper looks like sand
- Aluminum foil or plastic wrap (over a blue surface) looks like water
- Cotton balls look like clouds
- Glue in real pebbles or small stones
- Please DO NOT use loose dirt or sand
- Use your imagination!
- Use green chenille sticks to fashion into ferns