CURRICULUM HIGHLIGHTS

Date____2/6 - 2/10_____

Discovery & Exploration of ___**Dinosaurs**_____

The
CREATIVE CURRICULUM
For Preschool with Benchmarks aligned with the Illinois Learning Standards

JUST A REMINDER – The Weather is changing daily. Please make sure your child is dressed appropriately 20 degrees and above we go outside.

BLOCKS **(Opened-ended Exploration)** **Open-Ended Exploration** **Create a Dinosaur Museum** Benchmark: 19.C.EC & 22.A.EC	**DRAMATIC PLAY** **(Creative & Imaginative Play)** *Dramatic Play* **Pretend to be Dinosaurs using Rhymes and Movement songs.** Benchmark: 5.A.EC & 18.B.EC	**COGNITIVE & THINKING STRATIGIES** **(Manipulatives, Puzzles, & Matching Games)** **Dinosaur memory match game** Benchmark: 19.B.EC, 21.A.EC, & 21.B.EC
ART **(Create & Represent Ideas Visually)** **Create Dinosaur Fossils** **Creative Art Dinosaur Headbands** Benchmark: 26.BEC & 25.B.EC	**LIBRARY & LITERACY ENRICHMENT** **(Motivation and Skills Necessary to Read and Write)** **How Do Dinosaurs say goodnight** **How Dinosaurs eat their food** **Dino Alphabet Book** Benchmark: 1.C.ECa & 1.A.ECe	**DISCOVERY** **(Math and Science)** **Dinosaur Excavation Site- Sorting Fossils** **Counting Dinosaurs** **How are Dinosaurs Alike/Different** Benchmark: 19.B.EC, 21.A.EC, & 21.B.EC
SAND/WATER **(Sensory Experiences)** **Sand and Dinosaurs** **Dinosaurs in Ice for Excavation** Benchmark:	**MUSIC/MOVEMENT** **(Brain Development)** **Little Baby Dinosaur song to the tune of Twinkle Twinkle little Star** Benchmark: 25.A.ECc & 26.A.ECc	**COOKING** **(Health, Safety & Nutrition)** **Discuss Lunch Routine trying new and different foods.** **Scissor Safety Rules** Benchmark:
TECHNONOGY **(Tools, Machines, Materials, & Techniques)** **Discuss excavation Tools used by scientist**	**OUTDOOR CLASSROOM** **(Enriched Curriculum and Support Development)** **Dinosaurs Buried in the Sand** **Dinosaur fossil excavation** Benchmark: 19.CEC & 20.A.EC	**FAMILY INVOLVEMENT** **(How can I help?)** **Please read our car talk that is located on the classroom door. Participate in daily discussion that will lead your child to talk about his/her day while at school.**