



Week of March 27, 2017

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s),

In January all second grade students made clay dinosaurs as one of their many Open House projects this year. To accompany the dinosaurs, we are assigning an at-home project in which the students will create their own prehistoric dinosaur diorama. A diorama is a scene contained in a box that has 3D figures and usually has some sort of painted or decorated background.

Start with the box standing on one of the *long* sides. In addition to decorating the surface of the box, we would like the students to add appropriate details. When decorating the box, remember the kinds of environments in which the dinosaurs lived--lush vegetation, tall trees, rocks and boulders, ponds, rivers and oceans, and most popular of all, mountains and volcanoes. You will also need to attach a piece of construction or colored paper to the bottom of the box to extend you dinosaur's roaming space. Don't forget to add details to this "ground" piece as it is a continuation of your diorama. Anything goes and have fun!

Here are some suggestions for the supplies which you may want to use to make your diorama:

- a box lid (packing box size)
- crayons, colored pencils, markers, paint or construction paper
- paste (a glue stick works well)
- scissors, ruler, pencil
- tape, thread, pipe cleaners
- optional: glitter (for great lava!), cotton puffs (for clouds), thin cardboard to glue to the back of the animals if your paper is very flimsy (old cereal boxes work well)
- any miscellaneous materials found around your house

Your child may need assistance in order to finish this assignment. However, the majority of this diorama should be done by your child as Open House is a time to celebrate your child's accomplishments.

The completed dioramas are due Wednesday, May 17. Please do not send it before the due date.

Thanks so much for your support,
The Second Grade Teachers