

Dinosaurs and Fossils

Ni hao Lin Lin,

I have watched with interest the constructions you have made with the mobilo. Every day you make something and it seems to me this is certainly one of your strong interests at kindergarten and have got to be an expert at making these. Often you make dinosaurs and I love the way they walk when you move them across the floor.

You certainly have a lot of knowledge about dinosaurs and I would go as far as to say you are an expert on

dinosaurs Lin Lin. I have asked you the names of some dinosaurs when I do not know the names of some of the ones we have at kindergarten and you always have an answer for me and can help me with the names

Last week we were looking at the dinosaur book we have at kindergarten and at the beginning there is an explanation of what a fossil is. You and I talked about that and I told you I had

some fossils at home and said I would bring one in to show you.

I bought three rocks in, two had the fossils of shells and the other had a bone in it. My partner and I think it is a Moa bone, which like Dinosaurs are extant now. I have included a photo of a Moa in this learning story so you can see what a Moa looks like. You were very interested in the fossils and I do have them on my desk still so if you would like to have another look at them just ask me and I will get them out. The following day you came up to me and said, "Jo, I have found a fossil". You had been digging in the sandpit I think and had found a stone, and you are right it did look like a fossil!

What Learning is happening here?

Lin Lin, as Jo commented in a story recently you have such an easy going personality and always let others join your play, the sharing of your knowledge around dinosaurs shows again how you include others. You certainly



are very confident and willing and able to share your ideas with others and I love that I am learning to from the things you share with me.

I have been thinking about the mobilo you make and how sometimes you hide these and I have been wondering if this is because you do not want them to get broken? Julie, Jo and I talked about the idea of inviting children to take photos of their constructions and put them into a book. I wonder if this is something you would be interested in Lin Lin? I will talk with you about this tomorrow and you might like to have the first page of the book!.

Your friend Jo
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I love this photo of you Lin Lin, it is like you are sharing your ideas about the fossils with Evander