



Meet Rosco. He is a bearded dragon in a preschool VPK (4&5 yr. olds) room at The Learning Center. We were able to get Rosco with a pets in the classroom grant and the children couldn't be happier. They are part of his daily care such as feeding him live crickets and worms or preparing his vegetables for him. They like to observe him as he eats and watch his tongue fly out to get the crickets. He has really made a difference in our room. Here are some of the ways that our children are continuously learning by having Rosco as a pet in our class.

## **Science**

As Rosco grows the children have seen the skin come off. They have learned new vocabulary words like shedding and molting. The skin was put into our science center where the children were allowed to look at it each time and compare it.



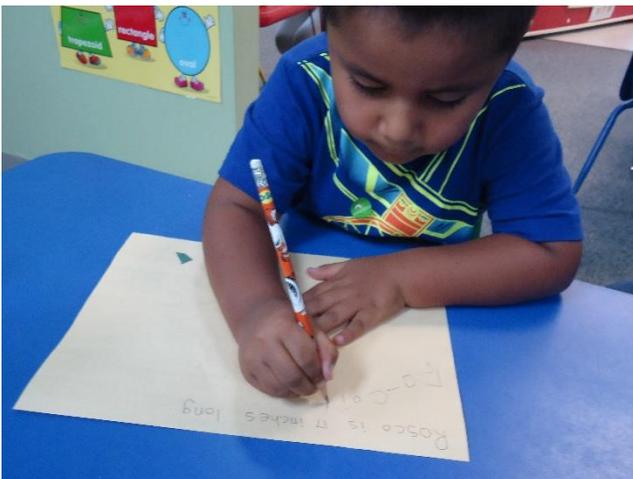
## Math

After each shedding process we then measure Rosco to see how much he has grown over time. This is teaching the children to use measuring tools, to count and recognizing numbers.



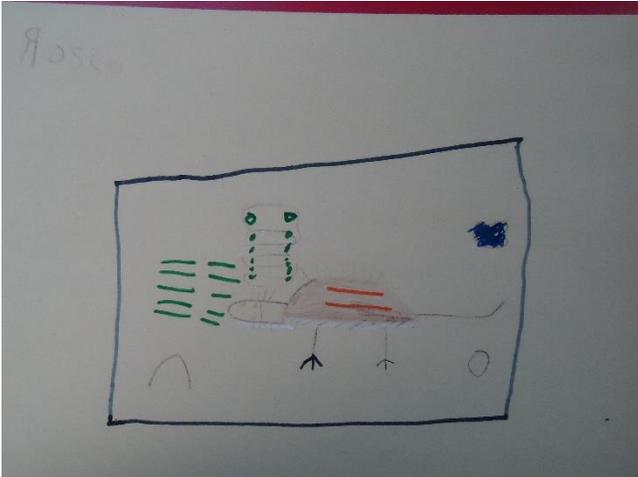
## Language Development

Each time that Rosco is measured, we then let one of the children write it for us to post on his tank so that the children to be able to read it. The children are learning to recognize the letters in his name and know how to write it without looking at the name tag. This is also helping their fine motor development as they write it down.



## Art

The children draw pictures of Rosco and include detail of what his habitat is like. This helps with their writing skills and fine motor as well as their ability to pay attention to details.



Our students also like when Rosco gets taken out and they can observe him up close and touch him. They truly love having Rosco as part of our class!



