



MONTESSORI GRAD RETURNS TO SHARE FOSSIL COLLECTION

Villa Madonna Montessori graduate Jack Dwyer, 7, of Taylor Mill, recently came back to his preschool/kindergarten alma mater to speak to current kindergarteners at the school about his extensive fossil collection. The students are learning about rocks and fossils in class. Jack's mother, Caitlin Dwyer, is a 1990 graduate of Villa Madonna Montessori. She said her son's interest in fossils started here at the Montessori when his teacher, Patti Birkett, gave them a lesson about rocks and fossils.

Over the past couple years, Jack's collection has grown to include fossils from the Ordovician period (450,000,000 years old) found here in Northern Kentucky, as well as a trilobite from Morocco and a tooth from an Otodus shark, the great-great grandfather of the massive Megalodon.

Jack, who is homeschooled, said he wants to be a paleontologist when he grows up.

