China and dinosaurs: what’s the connection?

What does China have to do with dinosaurs? Some of the most well preserved dinosaur fossils ever found were discovered in China, including many showing dinosaurs with feathers. Lots of dinosaur footprints and eggs have also been found in China. Some of the eggs are as big as a cantaloupe.

Dinosaur bones are the source of many of the stories of Chinese dragons. Chinese people used to dig up dinosaur fossils that they thought were the bones of flying dragons. People would grind them up and use them in traditional medicines. In fact, the Chinese word for dinosaur is kōnglóng. Kong means afraid or frightened and long means dragon.

MSU students recently traveled to China to study dinosaur eggs. They are trying to answer many questions including if it possible to see which part of the eggs baby dinosaurs first hatched out of, and what kind of changes happened to the eggs during the millions of years that they were buried. To learn more about their trip visit http://chinadinodig.wordpress.com.

Scientists discovered a four-winged dinosaur from China that was the size of a turkey.