



Dinosaur Takeout Storytime



Hey Caregivers! You are your child's first teacher. Help your little one get ready to learn how to read by talking, singing, reading, writing, and playing together. Have fun!

Talk

Talk with your child about dinosaurs. Ask which dinosaurs are their favorites and why. "What do you notice about carnivores? How are they different from herbivores, the dinos that eat plants?" Asking open-ended questions builds vocabulary and encourages dialogue, two things that will help kids be ready to learn how to read.

Sing

Change a favorite song's lyrics to be dinosaur-themed. The Itsy-Bitsy Dino? Twinkle Twinkle Little Rex? Making up new songs with your child builds awareness of syllables and rhythm, which will come in handy when they begin sounding out words.

Read

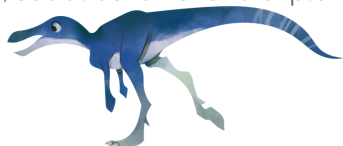
Ask your child questions about the story while you read together. "Where do you think T-Rex should look next? Behind the tree?" Trace the illustrations together with your fingers and encourage your little one to be in charge of turning pages so they learn how a book works.

Write

Draw dino tracks with a stick or your hands in the dirt. Scribbling and making shapes is called pre-writing and is essential work kids can do before they are able to write letters. Kids can start drawing as soon as they can grip a chubby crayon in their hand!

Play

Retell a dinosaur story using toys or puppets. Retelling stories builds narrative skills, and the understanding of how a story works. Pretend to be dinosaurs on your next walk, roaring and moving like these ancient animals. Playtime allows kids to practice physical skills, language, social behavior and explore the world around them



Books

Available to read on Hoopla!

ABC T-Rex by Bernard Most
hoopladigital.com/title/12034382

Tiny T Rex and the Impossible Hug
by Jonathan Stutzman and Jay Fleck
hoopladigital.com/title/12243872

One More Dino on the Floor by Kelly
Starling Lyons and Luke Flowers
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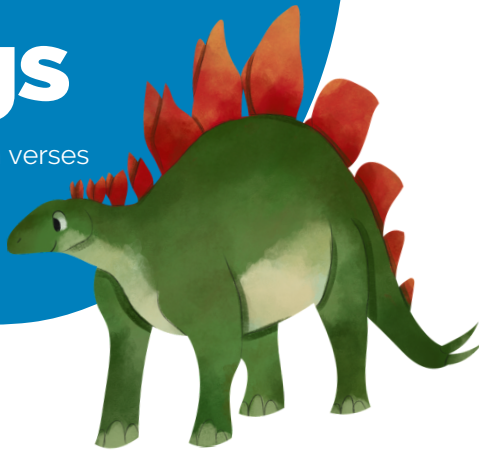
Counting Dinos
by Eric Pinder and Junissa Bianda
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Dinosaur Bones by Bob Barner
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Songs

Make up your own verses with your child!



Dino Pokey

You put your dino wings in, you put your dino wings out,
You put your dino wings in, and you flap them all about.
You do the Dino Pokey and you turn yourself around,
That's what it's all about!
(Claws, tails, teeth, etc.)

Five Little Dinosaurs

(Source: Finger Folks)

Five little dinosaurs, trying hard to roar,
One went away, and then there were four.
Four little dinosaurs, hiding near a tree,
One went away, and then there were three.
Three little dinosaurs, peeking out at you,
One went away, and then there were two.
Two little dinosaurs, ready now to run,
One went away, and then there was one.
One little dinosaur, not having any fun,
He went away, and then there were none.

Playtime

Sensory experiences foster storytelling and build fine motor skills.



Virtual Early Literacy Class

Join ImagineIF's Ann for a dinosaur-themed early literacy class on YouTube:
tinyurl.com/dinostorytime

All 'Round the Swamp

(Adapted from Warren and Eilers)
Tune: "The Wheels on the Bus"

Triceratops' horns went
Poke, poke, poke, [fingers on forehead]
Poke, poke, poke.
Poke, poke, poke.
Triceratops' horns went
Poke, poke, poke,
All 'round the swamp.

Brachiosaurus went
Chomp, chomp, chomp, [chomp teeth]
Chomp, chomp, chomp.
Chomp, chomp, chomp.
Brachiosaurus went
Chomp, chomp, chomp,
All 'round the swamp.

Pteranodon's wings went
Flap, flap, flap, [flap arms]
Flap, flap, flap.
Flap, flap, flap.
Pteranodon's wings went
Flap, flap, flap,
All 'round the swamp.

Tyrannosaurus Rex went,
"Grr, grr, grr!" [two fingered T-rex hands]
"Grr, grr, grr!"
"Grr, grr, grr!"
Tyrannosaurus Rex went,
"Grr, grr, grr!"
All 'round the swamp.



Dig Dinos

Add small dinosaur toys to sand, rice, or playdough.
Supply your child with tools like toothbrushes, spoons, and funnels. Add moss, rocks, and sticks. The Cretaceous lives!

Hatch the Dino Egg

Fill a balloon with water and a small dinosaur toy.
Freeze overnight. Give your child a spray bottle, pipette, or sponge and warm water to excavate the dino inside.
For tips and tricks, check out Becca's tutorial:
tinyurl.com/freezeegg

Make a Puppet

Use a brown paper bag to create a dinosaur puppet. Will your dino have sharp teeth and claws? Wings and horns? A tail and spikes?



(Source: Jim West Puppets)



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