

Theme: Dinosaurs Week 2

This document contains all of the activities for the theme Dinosaurs “for the age group “Littles.”

Have fun!

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All activities require adult supervision!

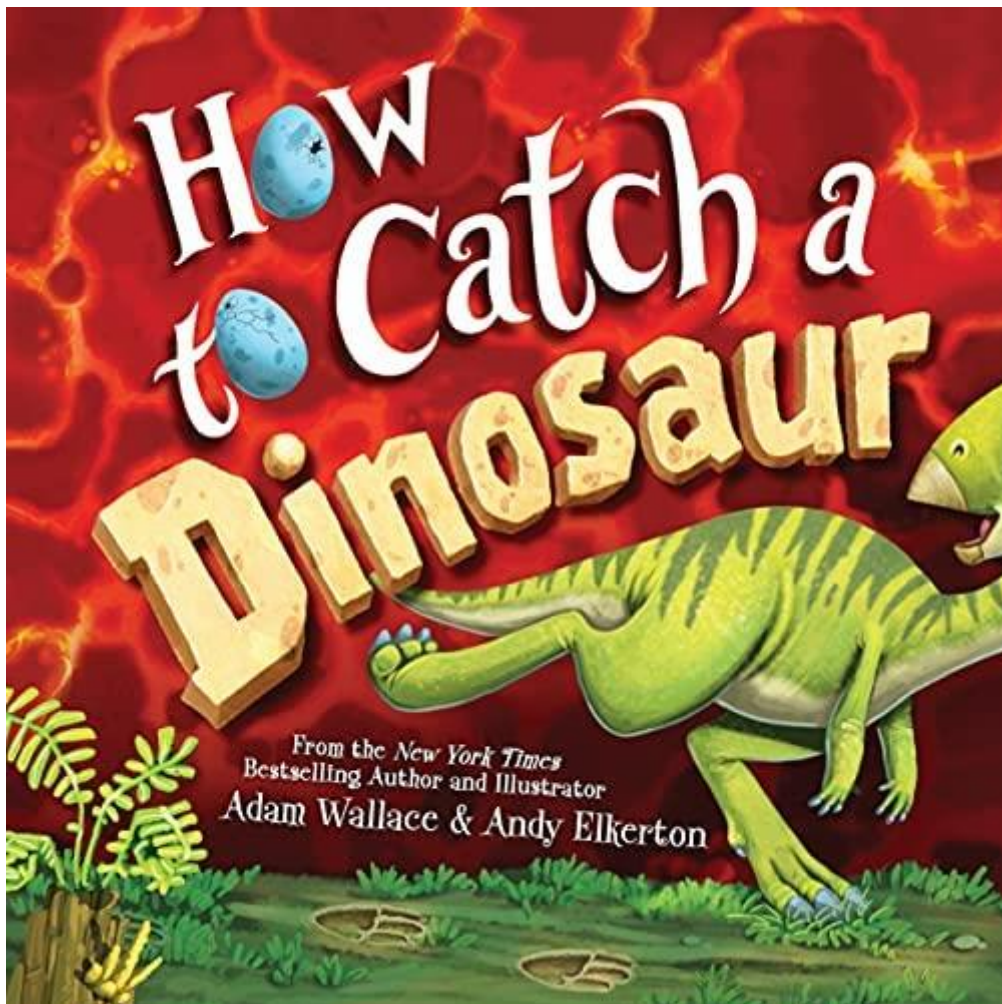
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Book Suggestion

(We highly recommend checking your local library for this book, however if you cannot find it-please see link on our “Theme extras” web page to purchase if desired or find another book that showcases Dinosaurs-We suggest using the same book for two weeks as this really helps children gain reading comprehension of the book! *You do not need to read the entire story all at once. Some children have a difficult time concentrating for an entire story, it is totally okay to portion on the story over a few reading sessions!



Song Suggestion:

I Want to Catch a Dinosaur

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I want to catch a dinosaur can you help me

I want to catch a dinosaur its hard you see!

What can we do, what do you think?

We need to think, think, think!

Let'sssss build a trap build a trap

build a trap trap trap

build a trap build a trap

build a trap trap trap

We cannnn:

Make a cage

Hide some food

Throw in

What will it do?

It escaped, it escaped

It escaped, escaped escaped

It escaped, it escaped it

Escaped, escaped escaped

Let it go, let it go

Let it go, go, go

Let it run

Let it fly

We didn't catch it but we tried

Simple Vocabulary Words

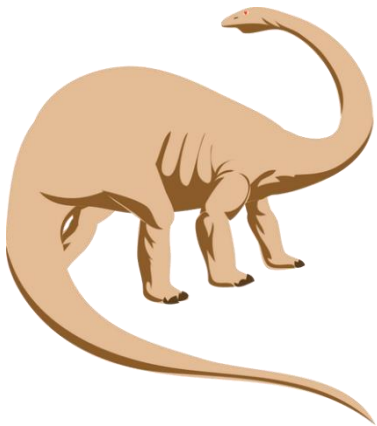
These are optional vocabulary cards to show your child before reading the story to help with understanding. It is also a great idea to point out the words while reading the book!



DINOSAURS



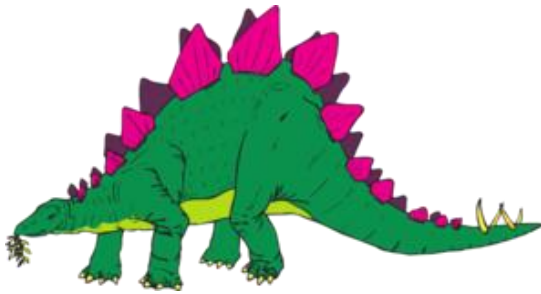
FOSSIL



BRONTOSAURUS



TRICERATOPS



STEGOSAURUS



TYRANOSAURUS
REX



VELOCIRAPTOR



SPINOSAURUS

Art Project:

Dinosaur Splat Paint

What you need for this activity:

- *White Construction Paper
- *Dinosaur Image (choose one)
- *Non-toxic Paint
- *Cups (for paint)
- *Paint brush
- *Water

Directions:

- **This activity should be done somewhere that can get messy!
- *Cut out and tape your chosen dinosaur to the middle of your construction paper.
- * Place your paint into each cup and mix with a small amount of water (to thin it out).
- *Ask your child(ren) to dip the paintbrush into the paint and splat it onto the paper!
- *Make splats all around the dinosaur.
- *Slowly remove the dinosaur image to reveal your splat paint dino!










Pre-Writing Activity:

Get in Line Dinosaur!

What you need for this activity:

- *Group of Kids
- *Various colors of tape (red, orange, blue...) OR paper cut into strips
- *Dinosaur figurines (optional)

Directions:

- * This activity will allow your child to work on their understanding of vertical lines and also get your kids moving!
- *To begin, place the tape (or long strips of paper) on the floor, (at least one foot apart) in vertical lines on the floor.
- *Tell your child(ren) that they get to act like dinosaurs for this activity (but no pushing or shoving!). Show them the different lines
- “Look at these lines, they are called vertical lines. What colors do you see?”
- *Then tell them that you will call out a color and they must line up on that color vertical line (again no pushing or shoving!). Roaring is okay though!

- *Call out the different colors and let them practice lining up.
- *Then see if they can line up their dinosaurs on the lines.
- *Following this, if they are still engaged, ask them if they see vertical lines anywhere else in the room? (If you are able, take pictures, print them out and place on a “vertical line” poster).

Math Activity:

Dinosaur Shapes Play Dough Mats

What you need for this activity:

*Dinosaur Shapes Play Dough Mat Page

Directions:

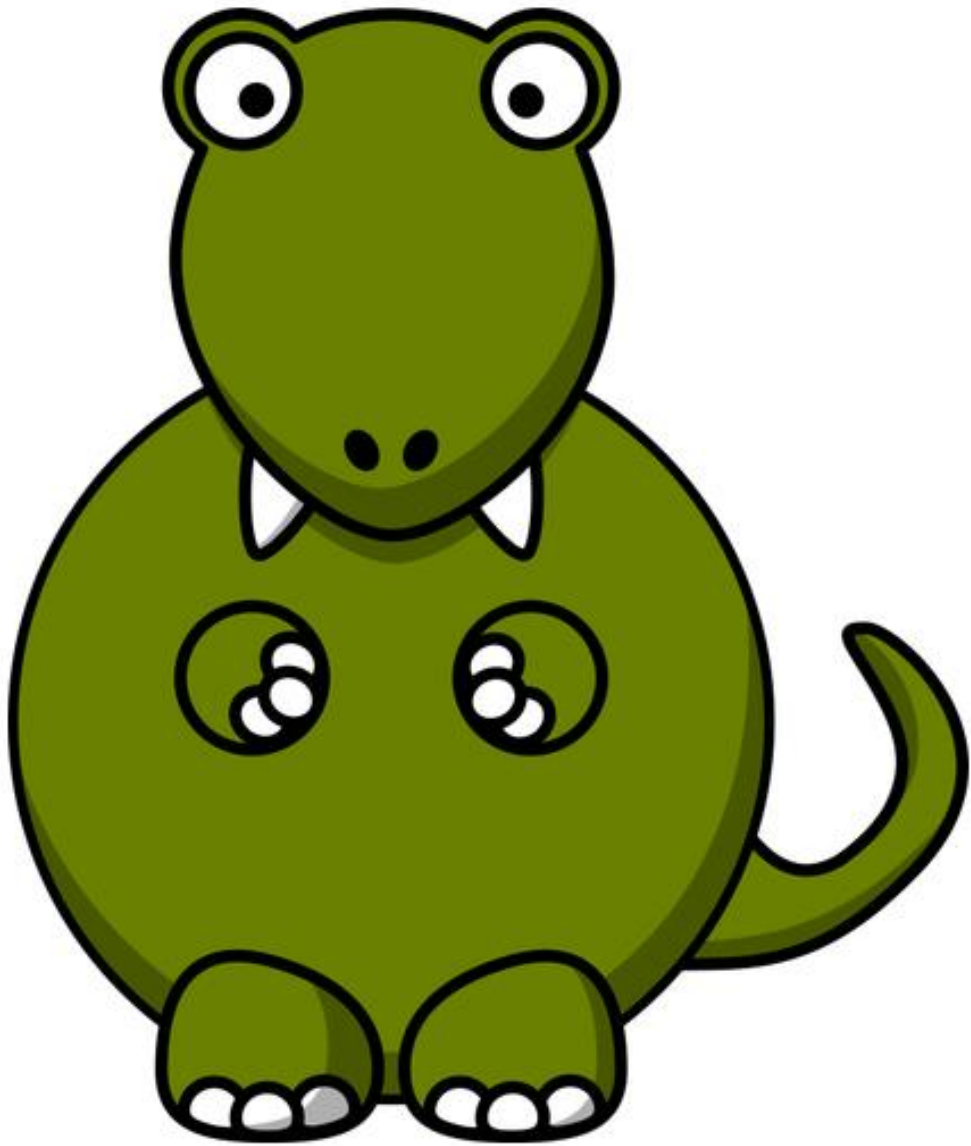
This activity will help develop your child(ren's) understanding of shapes.

*Print off each of the dinosaur shapes play dough mats, either laminate them or place them in a plastic zipper bag.

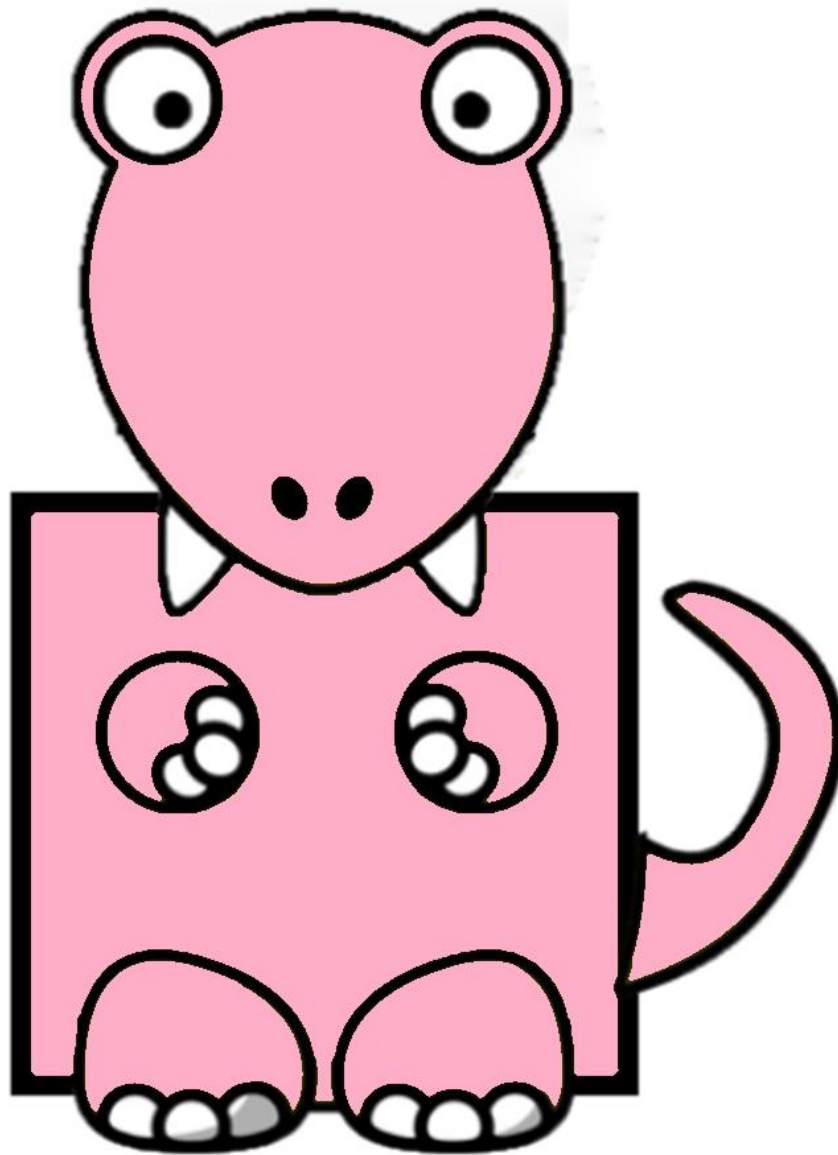
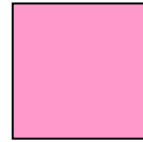
*Show your child(ren) the various dinosaurs, pointing out that each has a different shaped belly. (See if they can name the shapes).

*Then ask them to cover the *belly* in playdough.

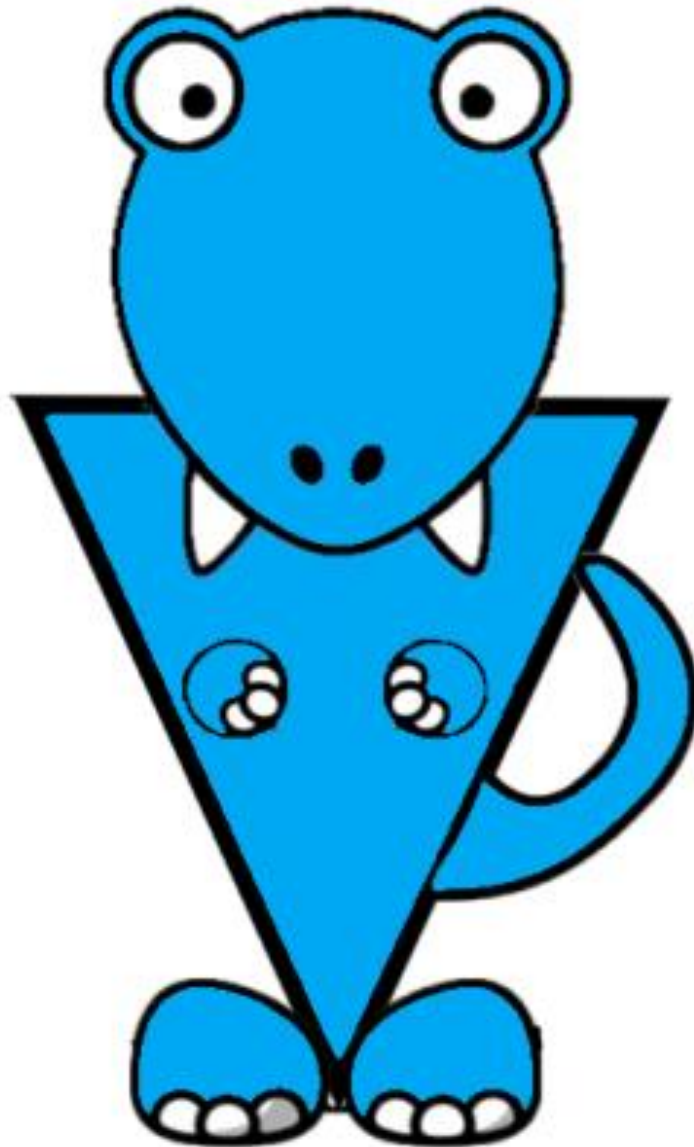
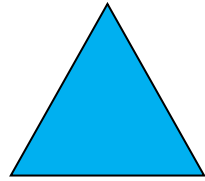
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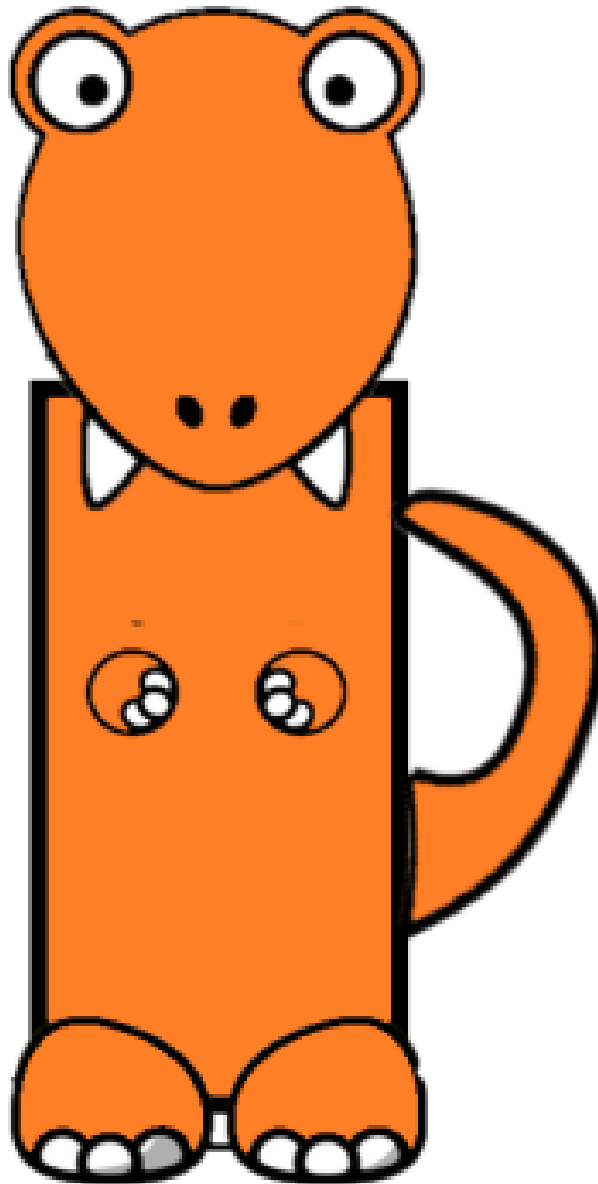
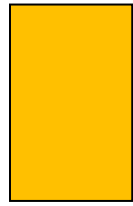
SQUARE



TRIANGLE



RECTANGLE



Language Activity:

I Spy Dinosaur Feelings

What you need for this activity:

*Dinosaur Feelings Page

Directions:

*This language activity will help your child(ren) work on their ability to label both their own and others' emotions, an incredibly important tool to have!

*To start, ask your child to make a face according to an emotion you tell them. For example, say "Happy," your child should smile. Say "sad" and perhaps they turn down their lower lip. (If they are unsure, they can mime your own expression).

*Then say an emotion and have them point to the *dinosaur* that appears to be feeling that way. The feelings we suggest for the dinosaurs are:

*Happy (green dinosaur with spots)

*Excited (pink dinosaur)

*Sad (green dinosaur)

*Tired/sleepy (blue dinosaur)

*Angry/mad (purple dinosaur)

I Spy Dinosaur Feelings

Science Activity:

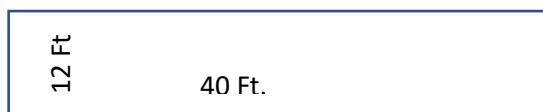
Dinosaur Size

What you need for this activity:

- *Dinosaur size Info
- *Ruler/measuring tape
- *Chalk

Directions:

- *Your child will learn about the sizes of various dinosaurs in this science activity.
- *To begin, show them the images of the dinosaurs.
- *Ask them “which dinosaur do you think was the biggest? The smallest?”
- *Measure out the height of the dinosaurs (marking with chalk) – we recommend using different colors of chalk for the different dinosaurs.
- **To incorporate the length *and* height of the dinosaurs you can make a rectangle to represent their size. I.E. The T-Rex was 40 feet long and 12 feet high so the rectangle would be:



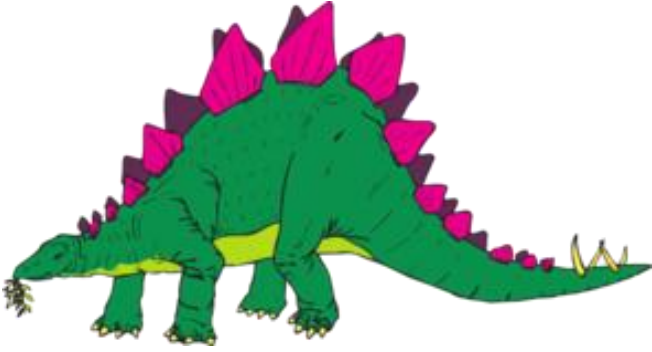
OR if you are artistic enough you could draw the actual dinosaur!

- *Ask the children to estimate how many of them they need to reach the height and length of each dinosaur.
- *Test it out! (Note that if you don't have enough children to complete this portion, have one child lay down, mark where their head is and then have them lay back down to “stack.”)

Average Dinosaur Sizes

Dinosaur	Height	Length
Tyrannosaurus Rex	12 Feet	40 Feet
Brontosaurus	27 feet	72 feet
Stegosaurus	14 feet	30 feet
Triceratops	10 feet	26 feet

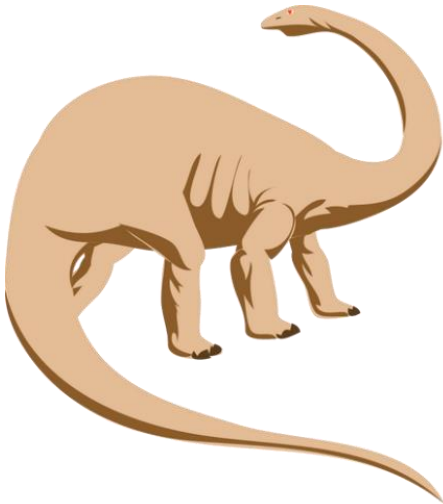
Dinosaur Images



STEGOSAURUS



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TRICERATOPS