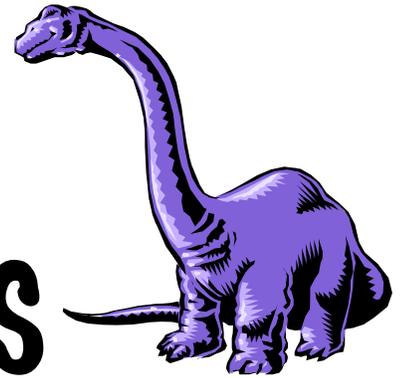




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Preschool Theme Kits



DINOSAURS

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**BEYOND THE KITS –
STORYTIME HANDBOOK**

Welcome to the *Dinosaurs* Theme Kit. Our target age group is 2 to 5 year olds but we have included at least one board book for babies to use. All these books read aloud well, and there are activities, finger plays, and teacher guides to help you. Also, take a look at the information sheet on the inside cover of this notebook. Enjoy!

Related Activities

FOR YOU: a copy of these activities is available in back of this notebook.

-Fun and Games-

PLAYDOUGH FOSSILS *

Using playdough and lids from plastic containers, place a ball of playdough on a lid and ask the children to smooth it out to the edges. Then let them choose from a variety of items you have collected: some ideas are

- small plastic dinosaurs
- small stones
- twigs]
- leaves
- small blocks

The kids then gently press their item into the playdough and lift it out. Look at the impression it makes! Can others find the item they used to make the print?

ONE DINOSAUR WENT OUT TO PLAY

Using the traditional song "One Elephant Went Out to Play," have the children help you act out:

One Triceratops went out to play, on a spider's web one day. He/she had such enormous fun, that she called for another triceratops to come!

Pick a child to join in a line, behind you, by placing his/her hands on your waist/hips. Keep singing and adding children. You could change to other dinosaurs: "Three stegosaurus went out to play", etc.

NO DINOS IN OUR HOUSE! **

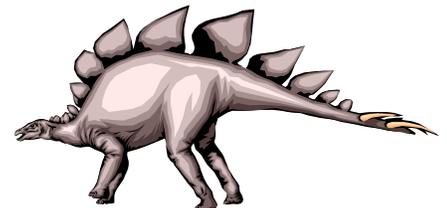
After reading *Danny and the Dinosaur*, show a picture of a Tyrannosaurus Rex and talk about it. Would it fit into a house? The room you are in? In the yard? With masking tape or chalk, mark the length of a Tyrannosaurus Rex 43 feet long. Find out how many children can lay from head to toe inside the marks.

PLAYDOUGH *

Try this no-fail homemade playdough and enjoy hours of fun with your children. You can make the playdough any color by adding food coloring, or a small amount of tempura paint.

- 3 cups flour
- ½ cup salt
- ½ cup oil
- 1 ½ cups HOT water

Mix together flour and salt. Add water and oil. Mix until smooth.



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-Action Song-

DINOSAURS IN CARS

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This is a fun song, but be prepared to get some exercise! Have children stand in a circle, and follow the directions as you sing. Children will join in with you almost immediately except for the last part changing the tire! By the second time they will be doing it all!

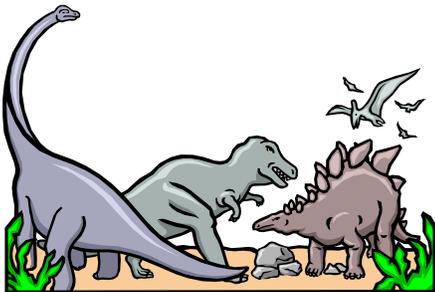
There were five dinosaurs ridin' in cars
(pretend to be driving)
Havin' a "wheely" good time
They said "step on the gas"
(step forward with one foot)
We'll go really fast!
(push one hand out in front of body)
And they did until one had a flat tire
Ca-chunk, ca-chunk, ca-chunk, ca-chunk
(roll hands unevenly as if rolling a flat tire)
Whoosh ----(sink down to crouch position
while making air sound)
And he said, "Go on without me!"
(cup hands around mouth and shout upward)

Repeat with 4, 3, 2, and 1 dinosaur.

Last time – speak the following in a rhythmic, almost rapping way:

And He said, "I know what I'll do, I'll change the tire"
So he jacked up the car (pretend to work a jack while making whoosh sound)
And he took off the flat
(pretend to lift off heavy tire as you say "UH!")
And he put on the spare
(pretend to put on the spare as you say, "UH")
And he said, "I'll pick up my friends"

Then there were five dinosaurs,
ridin' in a car
Havin' a "wheely" good time
They said, "Step on the gas,
We'll go really fast"
And they did and down the road they went flyin'
So long! (spoken with a wave)



Dinosaurs Theme Kit

Questions or Suggestions:
Call the Youth Services Dept.
at 360 384-3150

-Fingerplays and Action Rhymes-

THE DINOSAURS *

The dinosaurs lived long ago
When life on earth began
Some were tall
Some were small,
Some liked water
Some liked land.
Pteranodons had leathery wings
Apatosaurs had long necks
And the meanest dinosaur of all
Was the Tyrannosaurus Rex!

DINOSAURS

Dinosaurs used to stomp.
They used to roar and moan,
But now they're quiet
And quite still
Because they've turned to stone.

DINOSAUR, DINOSAUR

This activity is loosely based on an old jump rope chant called "Teddybear, Teddybear." Do the activity as is. Or substitute the word "dinosaur" when it appears in the verse, for a specific dinosaur name.

Dinosaur, Dinosaur, Turn around.
Dinosaur, Dinosaur, Touch the ground.
Dinosaur, Dinosaur, Roar Roar Roar!
Dinosaur! Dinosaur!
Shut the door!

DID YOU EVER SEE A DINO To tune of Did You Ever See a Lassie?

Did you ever see *ride, tickle, kiss*
a dino, a dino, a dino,
Did you ever see a dino, a real dinosaur
Like triceratops, and iguanodon,
Apatosaurus or stegosaurus
Did you ever see a dino, a real dinosaur?

No, I never saw *rode, tickled, kissed*
a dino, a dino, an dino,
No I never saw a dino, a real dinosaur
Like triceratops and iguanodon
Or Apatosaurus and stegosaurus
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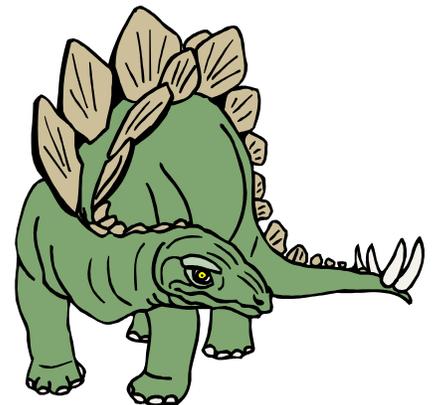
Use the magnetic dinosaur set (the side of the box has the names) to show the dinosaurs as you sing.

*Stretch hand upwards
Crouch down low
Swimming motions
Stomp feet
Flap arms
Hands on jaw, palms up, as if stretching neck
Feet apart, hands like claws, scowl and growl*

*Stamp feet
Roar
Finger to lips
Sit down*

*Turn around twice
Bend knees and touch ground*

*Loudly roar, three times
Put hands on cheeks, look scared, shriek words. Pretend to slam door shut!*



How You Can Help

- Use and return kits promptly so that they are available for others.
- Please check box contents before returning.
- Do not use the book drop. Please return kits inside an open library.