

LITTLE DINOS



0-1 YEARS

Child's name (first & last)

Each dinosaur footprint contains an activity. Cross off a footprint after you do the activity with your child. For every 5 footprints you cross out, bring your sheet into the library to pick out a book to keep! When you have done all the activities, turn your sheet in for a special prize! Turn over this sheet to learn about the benefits of these fun activities. Program runs June 1 - July 31.

Practice animal sounds. Use toys, songs, stories, and rhymes to make it extra fun!

Snuggle with your child as you read. Make reading a special bonding time between the two of you.

When your baby can hold their head up on their own, try some gentle bouncing rhymes.

Count to your child during simple activities. For example, count the kisses you give your child.

Sing to your baby. You don't have to be Taylor Swift! Have fun and sing whatever you are comfortable with.

Lay some pillows out on the floor. Encourage your child to crawl over them by placing a toy on the other side.

Grab a brightly colored object, like a scarf. Hold it in front of your baby. When you see their eyes lock on it, slowly move it back and forth. For the older kids, play peek-a-boo!

Introduce your child to different shapes through toys, food, or anything safe for your child to play with.

Read touchy/feely books that excite children with flaps, peep holes, or different textures.

Talk to your child as you perform tasks throughout the day, like when you are preparing a meal or giving your child a bath.

Use voices when you read with your child. Talk loud or soft or make up voices for different characters.

Lay your baby on their back. Place a flat object against the bottom of their feet and give just enough resistance to encourage them to push back.

Let your baby explore books. Learning how to turn pages and hold a book is part of learning to read. Board books are a great choice for this age!

Put on some music and hold your child securely as you sway to the beat.

Give your child a toy and let them play. Then put their empty hand on the toy. They will grab it. Undo the fingers on their first hand and kiss them.

Practice sorting objects by color or size. Try using everyday things like toys.

Sing the alphabet song to your child. You can sing it slow, fast, loud, or in a high or low voice.

Repeat your baby's sounds back to them and turn them into sentences. If your baby says, "Ba ba," tell them, "Ba ba says the sheep."

Fill a container with toys, rolled up socks, etc. Encourage them to dump it out and then put them all back again.

You can share books with your child without reading them. Talk about what is happening in the pictures and point to objects.

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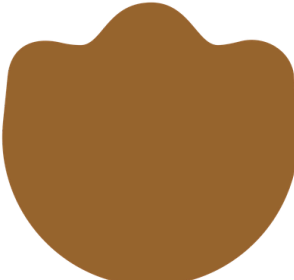
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THE BENEFITS OF FUN ACTIVITIES!




Reading - The love of reading is the number one best predictor of reading success! Teach your child to love reading by making it a fun and loving activity between the two of you.




Writing - Encourage your child to learn to operate their body effectively by practicing different kinds of movement and hand-eye coordination. This will help them learn to write later on.




Talking - Children learn language by observing it and practicing it with adults. Talk to your child often - the more words they hear, the better!



Music - Singing slows down language and helps children to hear the smaller parts of words – it's phonics practice!



Math skills - You can start practicing math skills early by counting with your child and exposing them to different shapes. Learning position words and recognizing patterns are also important math skills.



Playing - Play is how children learn best. Motor skills, reasoning, social and emotional skills as well as literacy are all improved by age-appropriate play!

**KEEP PREPARING YOUR LITTLE ONE FOR
KINDERGARTEN ALL YEAR WITH FUN ACTIVITIES
THAT ARE TEXTED TO YOU TWICE A WEEK!**



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