

# LITTLE DINOS



1-2 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.

Introduce your child to different shapes. Offer toys or safe objects to touch and explore as you talk about the shape.

Sing the alphabet song to your child. Make it interesting by singing it slow, fast, loud, or in a high or low voice.

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

Play peek-a-boo with your child. Use your hands or a towel to hide your face, smile big, then show your face! Say, "Peek-a-boo!"

Use voices when you read with your child. Speak with a loud, soft, or silly voice. Make up voices for different characters.

Read a book with textures or flaps. Let your child explore!

Let your child squeeze water out of a sponge. Fun in the bathtub or on a hot day outside!

"Read" a wordless book. Talk about what is happening in the pictures. The library has plenty you can borrow!

Clap along to a song with your child, or give them a spoon to bang on the floor in time to the music.

Find some scrap paper. Encourage your child to make whatever marks they can using a pencil or crayons.

Draw random dots on a piece of paper and let your child connect them however they want.

Find a ball that is appropriate for your child and roll it back and forth between you.

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

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

Practice animal sounds using books, songs, or toys!

Talk about the world around you using describing words. Talk about the soft blanket or the tall tree.

Point out letters around the house and in your community. Boxes and signs are great places to look!

Fill an open-topped container with child-safe items like toys. Let your child dump it out and fill it up again!

Count to your child during simple activities. Count kisses or cereal snacks, whatever you have on hand!

Sing to your child. You don't have to be a great singer. Have fun and sing whatever you are comfortable with.

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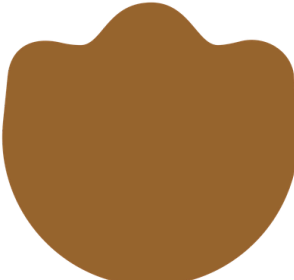
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# THE BENEFITS OF FUN ACTIVITIES!




**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  
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