

LITTLE DINOS



2-3 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.

Let your child hold the book or turn the pages as you are reading together.

Practice writing letters by using your finger in applesauce or pudding.

Include your child in the story. Ask them to find things in the illustrations or ask things like "What is the puppy doing?"

Clap and sing along to a song with your child. You can also give them a spoon and a pot and let them drum away!

Practice making balls and snakes with play-dough.

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

Point out letters around the house and in your community. Encourage your child to point out the first letter in their name when they see it.

Learn to do the Tooty-Ta! You can find some fun videos of this silly dance on YouTube!

Look for and point out numbers when you are out in the world. Ask your child if they can say the number. If they are able, you can have them count to that number too.

Sing songs with motions like, "The Itsy Bitsy Spider."

Spread rolled up socks around the room. Ask your child to bring you a certain number of them as they count up.

Sing the alphabet song to your child. You can sing it slow, fast, loud, or in a high or low voice. Sing it lots of different ways and sing it often!

Practice animal sounds using books, songs, or toys!

Perform an action and encourage your child to imitate you. Have fun and if your child is able, let them take the lead.

Let your child pick out the book they want to read. It's okay if they choose the same one. Kids learn from repetition!

Let your child squeeze water out of a sponge in the bathtub or outside. You could also have them wash toys.

Set up empty plastic bottles around the room. Give your child a soft ball and show them how to roll the ball at the bottles to knock them down.

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

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

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

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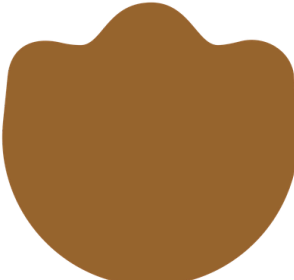
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THE BENEFITS OF FUN ACTIVITIES!




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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