

LITTLE DINOS



3-5 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.

Draw a long, wavy line with chalk on your sidewalk or driveway. Encourage your child to follow the line while walking on it.

Listen to some fun songs that make you move. One you can try is, "The Silly Dance Contest," by Jim Gill.

Practice sorting objects by color or size. You can use everyday things like toys.

Hold your child as you read to them. Make reading a special bonding time between the two of you.

Ask your child about an event from their day. Listen to their responses. Use questions that expand your child's story, not just yes or no questions.

Hide a favorite toy while your child covers their eyes. Give them clues using position words (on, in, under, next to, etc). For example, "Bobo is hiding on top of the shelf."

Try clapping simple patterns with your child like clap, clap, stomp. Encourage them to repeat what you did.

Talk about the world around you using describing words. Talk about the soft blanket or the sweet applesauce.

Wad newspaper up into balls. Encourage your child to practice throwing by giving them a laundry basket to aim at.

Point out and read words around the house and in your community - on signs, boxes, menus, labels, etc.

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

Read a book and then try to find objects from it in the everyday world. For example, read a book about gardens, then look for carrots at the grocery store.

Write out some letters on your sidewalk or driveway using chalk. Call out a letter. Encourage your child find it and jump on it!

Line up poker chips (or anything colorful) to create patterns. Ask your child to continue the pattern. Once they understand the game, take turns creating patterns.

Sing songs with motions like, "The Wheels on the Bus."

Include your child in the story. Ask them to find things in the illustrations or ask, "What do you think will happen next?"

Set some toys on a windowsill so their shadows are cast on a hard surface. Have your child trace the shadows on a piece of paper using bright colors.

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

Create your own drums with pots, pans and wooden spoons (or anything you have) and drum to the rhythm of some music.

Encourage your child to write in the sand with their finger or a stick. Or pour some salt into a flat-bottomed dish and let them practice that way.

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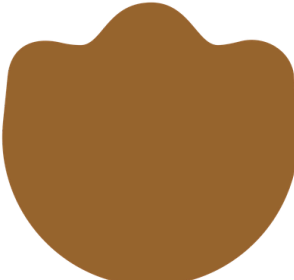
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THE BENEFITS OF FUN ACTIVITIES!




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
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THAT ARE TEXTED TO YOU TWICE A WEEK!**



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