

Opening the Gift

January 2014

Stomp, Stomp, ROOOAARRR!

I Am a Tyrannosaurus by Anna Grossnickle Hines
Meet the Dinosaurs a DK Reader (Pre-level 1)

Bones, Bones, Dinosaur Bones by Byron Barton

Shape by Shape by Suse MacDonald

Dinosaur Dinosaur by Kevin Lewis

Dinosaur Zoom by Penny Dale

Nursery Rhyme: Here We Go Round the Mulberry Bush

Songs & Fingerplays to Share

CD: "Rock and Roll Freeze Dance" from *So Big* by Hap Palmer

The Dino Ditty

Here he comes just a stomping with his feet
(stomp)

Singing Dino, ditty, ditty-dum, ditty do
(clap)

Searching all around for something to eat
(hand over brow)

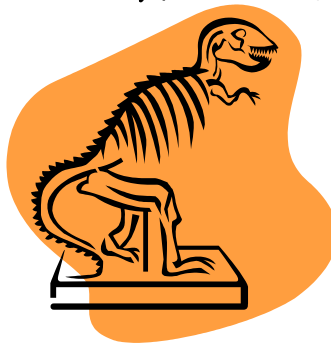
Singing Dino, ditty, ditty dum ditty do
He's huge (echo) He's strong (echo)

(stretch out arms, then bend elbow and make fist)

He's huge, he's strong,
(repeat motions)

Won't be hungry very long
(shake finger "no")

Dino ditty, ditty dum, ditty do
Yeah, Dino ditty, ditty dum, ditty do
(clap)



Dinosaur Bones

Let's look for bones,
dig, dig, dig.

Dinosaur bones,
big, big, big.

Back to the lab,
zip, zip, zip.

Clean the bones,
chip, chip, chip.

Put them together,
So, so, so.

We've built a dinosaur,
oh, oh, HO

Dinosaur Moves

Spread your arms way out wide;
Fly like a Pteranodon, soar and glide.
Bend to the floor, head down low;
Move like a Stegosaurus, long ago.

Reach up tall, try to be;
As tall as an Apatosaurus eating on a tree.
Using your claws, grumble and growl;
Just like Tyrannosaurus on the prowl.

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Oh I Want to Be a Great Big Dinosaur

(tune: "I Wish I Were an Oscar Mayer Weiner")

Oh I want to be a great big dinosaur,
That is what I really want to be!

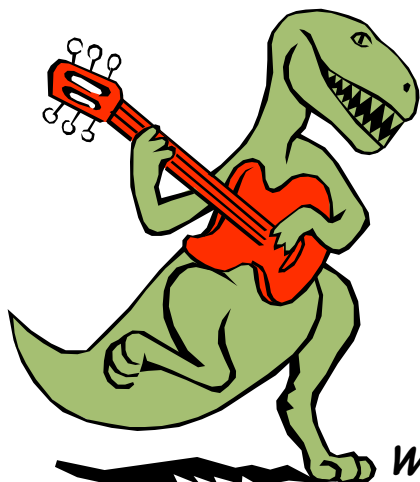
For if I were a great big dinosaur,
Everyone would run away from me. . .
Ahhhhhhhh!!!!!!!

Additional Verses:

stomp away from me
wiggle away from me
tiptoe away from me



Your next visit will be: February _____
Next month's theme will be: "Souper!"



More Books to Share:

Dinosaurumpus! by Tony Mitton

Dinos on the Go! by Karma Wilson

Dinosaur vs. the Library by Bob Shea

Stomp, Dinosaur, Stomp! by Margaret Mayo

The Super Hungry Dinosaur by Martin Waddell

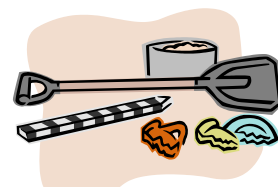
The Three Triceratops Tuff by Stephen Shaskan

When Dinosaurs Came With Everything by Elise Broach

Activity Ideas:

Be An Archaeologist! Explain that archaeologists have to carefully dig through the dirt to find dinosaur bones. Then give each child a chocolate chip cookie. Have children pretend they are archaeologists as they use toothpicks to carefully dig out the chocolate chips!

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Dino Island: (Water Table - or sink - activity) To prepare, cut several island shapes from clean foam vegetable trays. Float the island in the water; then set a supply of mini dinosaurs (erasers, beads, counters, etc) nearby. Invite the children to balance the dinosaurs on the islands. To reinforce counting skills, encourage the children to count the dinosaurs as they are placed on the island. To reinforce one-to-one correspondence, use a permanent marker to place sets of dots, from 1 to 5, on five different islands. Then direct the children to place one dinosaur on each dot.

Book of the Month:



Playful Reading: Positive, Fun Ways to Build the Bond Between Preschoolers, Books, and You by Carolyn Munson-Benson PTC J 372.4 M

Emphasizes early literacy skills, reading for pleasure, and the eight asset categories

SUPPORT, EMPOWERMENT, BOUNDARIES AND EXPECTATIONS,

CONSTRUCTIVE USE OF TIME, COMMITMENT TO LEARNING, POSITIVE VALUES,

SOCIAL COMPETENCIES, AND POSITIVE IDENTITY

as ways to create memorable moments between children and the adults who read to them.



PUPPY TALES CLUB
ON TRACK FOR READING

Road to Reading Tip:

NEW! Early Literacy Winter Reading Program! BIRTH—5 YEARS

Puppy Tales highlights the importance of early literacy and encourages participation in daily activities that strengthen pre-reading skills. Parents and caregivers can now register their children for the Puppy Tales Winter Reading Program at any library branch starting JANUARY 2nd. You will receive an activity log with 12 simple but fun learning activities based on these five early literacy practices ~

Talking! Singing! Reading! Writing! Playing!

Upon completing 10 of the 12 activities at home and returning the activity log between January 9 and March 1, children will receive a certificate and special completion prize!

Questions or Suggestions? Call Melinda Chase, Bel Air Branch, 410-638-3151, ext. 2279

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Here we go round the mulberry bush,
The mulberry bush,
The mulberry bush.

Here we go round the mulberry bush,
On a cold and frosty morning.



EARLY LITERACY EXTRA! (PLAYING)

Play comes naturally to young children. Encourage your child to imagine he or she is in another place or pretending to be someone else. How would a **dinosaur** go round the mulberry bush?

Would it **stomp**? Would it **roar**? What about a **horse**? Would it **gallop**? Would it **whinny**? Or how about a **race car**? Would it **zoom**? Who can think of the next one?