

Dinosaurs Activities for Thursday

On the Move

Dinosaur Tails

Dinosaurs and destruction are the perfect mix!

Materials:

- Tissue paper or wrapping paper
- Construction paper or white paper
- Crayons or markers
- String or yarn
- Toilet paper tubes

Instructions:

1. Twist a large amount of paper together to form a tail.
2. Add spikes by cutting triangles from paper and taping them to the tail to decorate.
3. Wrap tape around the tail to secure it.
4. Tape two pieces of string or yarn on opposite sides of the top of the tail.
5. Tie the tail around your child's waist.
6. Set up toilet paper tubes in a pyramid.
7. Encourage your child to use the tail to knock over the pyramid.

Adventures Online

All About the Paleontologist

Learn all about a paleontologist with Elmo and Amy Ryan and encourage your child to use the word throughout the day as you all talk about dinosaurs.

<https://www.sesamestreet.org/videos?vid=3200>

Sensory Time

Dino Garden

Dinosaurs roamed the earth millions of years ago. Go outside and recreate their world.

Materials:

- Toy dinosaurs
- Large area outside
- Outdoor materials (leaves, grass, sticks, etc.)

Instructions:

1. Take toy dinosaurs outside and find an area to enjoy the great outdoors with your child.
2. Gather some items from nature like leaves, grass, sticks, pine cones, etc.
3. Create a dinosaur world with the outdoor materials and toy dinosaurs.

*This can also be done indoors by using a large indoor space & bringing natural elements inside. *

Story Time

A Dinosaur Called Tiny

Join us as we read about the tiniest dinosaur and his adventures.

Read Aloud: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qYyv_F8vuEU

Arts and Creativity

Dramatic Play Paleontologist

Let's role play and become a Paleontologist.

Materials:

- Tent or large sheet
- Sand
- Dinosaur toys
- Clothes (hat and jacket)
- Paleontologist props (paint brush or toothbrush to help with brushing off dirt, shovels, etc.)
- Boxes or cardboard containers

Instructions:

This is a dramatic play activity where you & your toddler use your imagination and role play being a paleontologist.

1. Set up your sheet or tent and place it in a large open area inside or outside.
2. Have your child dress up in the clothes and paleontologist props.
3. As you explain what a paleontologist does, push in vocabulary by asking your toddler open ended questions about dinosaurs, fossils and how a paleontologist finds different items as they search for dinosaur artifacts.