Storytime at Home
Dino-Mania!

Hooray for dinosaurs! Explore our favorite extinct friends with these books and activities. Each book is available online and can be accessed on a computer or device. Bonus points if you have one or two at home! Enrich the experience by doing the activities and singing the songs. Songs without a well-known tune have a link to a video to help.

READ
(Overdrive: You will need a Gretna barcode and your phone number to log in. Please return Overdrive books promptly so others can enjoy them.
Scholastic: If you get a login page for BookFlix, go here and click any book. Then try these links again. They should always work after taking this step once.)

All Aboard the Dinotrain by Deb Lund (TumbleBooks)
Tyrannosaurus Rex by Bradley Cole (Abdo Digital)
Dinosaur Tracks by Susan H. Gray (Scholastic BookFlix)
Dinosaur Bones by Bob Barner (Scholastic BookFlix, Overdrive)
Dinosaurs From Head to Tail by Stacey Roderick (Overdrive)
Tiara Saurus Rex by Brianna Caplan Sayres (Overdrive)
Curious George & the Dinosaur by H.A. Rey (Overdrive)
Dinosaurs in Disguise by Stephen Krensky (Overdrive)

WRITE & TALK
Using a picture of a simple dinosaur skeleton, like the one to the right, recreate the skeleton with popsicle sticks, Q-tips, toothpicks, pasta, toilet paper tubes, or even strips of paper. Talk about the different dinosaurs and how the different features of their bodies help them survive.
The Dinosaur Song
(to the tune of “Alouette”)
Allosaurus, Pachycephalosaurus,
Allosaurus, Tyrannosaurus Rex!
Stegosaurus, Trachodon,
Triceratops, Pterandanon,
Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs,
Dinosaurs, Dinosaurs,
Ooooohhhhh,
Allosaurus, Pachycephalosaurus,
Allosaurus, Tyrannosaurus REX!

Dinosaurs
Dinosaurs lived long ago.
Some walked.  (stomp feet)
Some swam.  (pretend to swim)
Some flew, you know.  (flap arms)
Some were big.  (hold hands high)
Some were small.  (hold hands low)
Some were gigantic  (stretch arms out wide)
And VERY tall!  (stretch arms up high)

I Wish I Was a Dinosaur
(to the tune of “The Oscar Mayer Weiner Song”)
Oh, I wish I was a great big dinosaur!
That is what I’d truly like to be!
‘Cuz if I were a great big dinosaur,
Everyone would run away from me...
Ahhhhhhhh!!!!!!!

--Stomp away from me
--Crawl away from me
--Slither away from me

SING & PLAY

Dino-Pokey
(to the tune of “The Hokey Pokey”)
You put your claws in,
You put your claws out,
You put your claws in,
And you shake 'em all about.
You do the dino pokey,
And you turn yourself around.
That's what it's all about!

--You stomp your feet in...
--You swish your tail in...
--You put your spikes in...

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