

# ZEKE'S FUN AT HOME ACTIVITY CORNER

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Dear Zoo-Friends,

This week's playful and physical lessons will **explore dinosaurs** this week! We will use our **S.T.R.E.A.M.S.** format.

## S.T.R.E.A.M.S.:

**Science** – all aspects of our physical world

**Technology** - looking up topics online, viewing pictures and videos

**Recreation** - movement and fitness – free and structured physical activities

**Engineering** - little hands building with blocks, Legos®, scissors, stirring, transferring, lacing – anything that uses the hands and fingers

**The Arts** - literature, art & music

**Math** – sorting, adding, subtracting, subitizing, measuring, time, comparing sizes/weights, etc.

**Socialization** - learning about self, family, community, world

## Everyday!

- ✓ **Zoo-phonics:** Signal and sound the “a – z’s” every day. Older children can practice their word list. Signal and sound! Play different games with the *Lowercase Animal Alphabet Cards*.
- ✓ **Literature:** Read a wonderful literature book aloud every day! Try this one: *National Geographic Little Kids First Big Book of Dinosaurs* (National Geographic Little Kids First Big Books)
- ✓ **Signal and Sound:** Remember, as you share the lessons, remember to Signal the first letter in key words.



## Monday's Lesson:

- 1) **Science & Technology:** The study of dinosaurs is amazing! First, the dinosaurs were on the earth so long ago but are no longer living. Teach your child the word “**extinct**.” It means, “**no longer living**.” Dinosaurs come in all sizes and shapes. Some were meat eaters. Some ate only plants. Some lived in water. Some flew. Some had feathers. Some had scales. Learn about them on YouTube and other online sites.



**Here's Something Great!** PBS for Kids has wonderful and fun games for kids: <https://pbskids.org/games/dinosaur/>.

- 2) **Engineering (Busy Hands):** This is going to take a little prep time but it is great fun! Buy some plastic toy dinosaurs. Bury them in a bin full of mud and let it harden a little bit. Give your child a plastic knife and let him/her dig like a **paleontologist**. Now, start digging! This is what paleontologists do! They dig and look for **bones and fossils**.



**That is a Huge Word!** **Paleontologist** is a huge word, so let's break it down: pa-le-on-to-lo-gist. Clap out the sounds and syllables!

- 3) **Recreation & Music:** Go online and find **Bach's Toccatta and Fugue in G Minor**. It is great dinosaur-moving music! Pretend you are a **Tyrannosaurs Rex**. You are huge but have tiny arms and hands. Lumber around the room or yard. Now pretend you are a **Tetradactyl**. They fly! So fly around! Be a **Spinosaurus**! They are water animals, so take a swim!

