

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, cooking – anything that uses arms, hands and fingers

The Arts - literature, art and 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. Don’t forget Safari Sid on YouTube! Older children can practice their word lists. Signal and sound! Play different games with the *Lowercase Animal Alphabet Cards*.
- ✓ **Literature:** Read a wonderful literature book aloud every day! Find another fun **dinosaur book**! The good news is, is that you find lots “kid” information on dinosaurs online. Simply go to YouTube or other online sites. What an amazing thing!
- ✓ **Signal and Sound:** Remember, as you share the lessons, remember to **Signal the first letter in key words**. Watch for underlined letters below.

Thursday's Lesson:

- 1) **Math:** Let's do some math comparison's today. Not all dinosaurs were huge. Some were quite small. They all came in different sizes and shapes. Looking at dinosaurs online will help your child (of all ages) to understand this concept. Start by explaining that elephants, rabbits, deer and mice are all different sizes. If you have chalk and a sidewalk, measure out these dinosaurs. If you don't, use yarn or string inside! From nose to tail, here are the lengths of these dinosaurs to measure and compare.

Anchisaurus:	28 ft.
Ohmdenosaurus:	13 ft.
Magyarosaurus:	17 ft.
Europasaurus	19 ft.
Isanosaurus:	23 ft.
Antetonitrus:	30 ft.
Anchiornis huxleyi	1 ft.



Dinosaurs, “a – z”! Take a look at this huge list: <https://www.thoughtco.com/dinosaurs-a-to-z-1093748>. Did you know that there were this many dinosaurs? You can click on to the link and see a picture of the dinosaur.

- 2) **Engineering (Busy Hands):** Today, make dinosaur nests! This is easy and fun and helps children to develop fine motor control (little fingers) and creativity. Provide a box or two of toothpicks, white glue, cardboard (6”x6”). Squeeze a tablespoon of glue onto tinfoil and get started. You'll simply dip the tip of the toothpick into the glue and start making a “bird's nest” type structure. Keep laying toothpicks on top of tooth picks in interesting ways. It should be jagged and free. Try to make an empty space in the middle and the find some smooth stones to fill the nest cavity. (The point is to create and enjoy.)

