

Did you know ...



Summertime is a great time to read, talk, sing, and play with your baby or toddler so they can continue building early literacy skills.

Take time to go to the park and bring books with you for an outdoor storytime. Make reading bedtime stories a family tradition and sing songs as you take walks around your neighborhood. Play games with your child so they learn to follow directions and take turns. Talk to your child during routines like grocery shopping and bath time.

Visit your local public library to borrow books and games or use the library's online services. Be sure to sign up for the library's summer reading program, where you can earn prizes for reading to your child or doing fun activities. Library programs are free!

Here's how ...

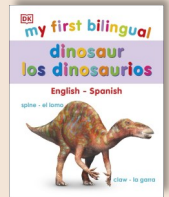


- ❖ Choose a quiet spot for you and your child to read aloud 15 – 20 minutes each day.
- ❖ Keep books in your diaper bag and in the car. When you have wait time in an office or while you are driving, books can keep your child interested and engaged.
- ❖ Get your child (or family) a library card at your local public library. It's free for most people. Some libraries offer free summer cards for those who live outside the local taxing district.
- ❖ Let your child pick out books they enjoy, even if you have to read the same books over and over. When children choose books they enjoy, they learn to love reading, and they become better readers when they start school.

Read



***My First Bilingual Dinosaur/ Los dinosaurios* from DK (Dorling Kindersley)**



My First Bilingual Dinosaur is a fun book for babies and toddlers to learn Spanish and English while discovering amazing dinosaurs. With bright photos and pictures, little ones can learn new words, name different dinosaurs, and grow their curiosity about the world around them.

Other books in this series:

Words/ Las palabras
Body/ El cuerpo
Farm/ La granja
Shapes/ Las formas
Colors/ Los colores

And many more!



Choosing Books



More dinosaur board books...

Dinosaur Dance! by Sandra Boynton

Hello, World! Dinosaurs by Jill McDonald

How Do Dinosaurs Play with Their Friends? by Jane Yolen

If You Happen to Have a Dinosaur by Linda Bailey

Never Touch a Dinosaur by Rosie Greening

Night Night, Dino-Snores by Nicola Edwards

That's Not My Dinosaur ... by Fiona Watt

Touch and Feel Dinosaur from DK

Talk



Rather than talk or answer for your toddler, give them lots of chances to speak for themselves. “Can you ask the little boy if he wants to play?” “The lady is asking if you want milk or juice. Can you tell her what you want?”

Ready to Write



Studies show that when a child’s *large* body muscles are strong, they will find it easier to print and draw. It is especially important to strengthen the part of their body from their hips to their neck, or “trunk.” Give your child plenty of ways to crawl, run, climb, balance, spin, jump, and throw. Allow them to get from place to place on their own as much as possible, without picking them up automatically and carrying them. Avoid walkers, jumpers, and bouncers, as these tend to mostly develop leg muscles and not trunk muscles. Visit parks with play equipment. Have dance parties. Play often!

Sing



If You’re a Hungry Dinosaur

(Tune: If You’re Happy and You Know It)
(Match actions to words)

If you’re a hungry dinosaur, show your teeth,

If you’re a hungry dinosaur, show your teeth.

If you’re a hungry dinosaur,

then give a great big roar (*ROAR!*)

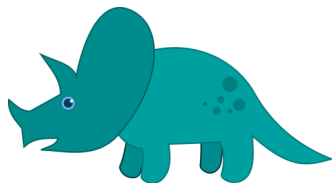
If you’re a hungry dinosaur, show your teeth.

Additional verses:

... show your claws

... wiggle your tail

... munch a tree



Hear tune at [www.thelearninggroove.com/
if-youre-happy-and-you-know-it](http://www.thelearninggroove.com/if-youre-happy-and-you-know-it)

Play



Five Enormous Dinosaurs

Five enormous dinosaurs, (*raise baby’s arms*)

Letting out a roar, (*move baby’s arms in a circle*)

One went away, and then there were four.

(*raise baby’s arms, hold up four fingers*)

Four enormous dinosaurs, (*raise baby’s arms*)

Munching on a tree, (*clap baby’s hands together*)

One went away, and then there were three.

(*raise baby’s arms, hold up three fingers*)

Three enormous dinosaurs, (*raise baby’s arms*)

Didn't know what to do, (*shake your head “no”*)

One went away, and then there were two.

(*raise baby’s arms, hold up two fingers*)

Two enormous dinosaurs, (*raise baby’s arms*)

Having lots of fun, (*clap baby’s hands together*)

One went away, and then there was one.

(*raise baby’s arms, hold up one finger*)

One enormous dinosaur, (*raise baby’s arms*)

Left all alone,

He went away, (*lift baby up so she can “fly”*)

And then there were none!

(*show baby empty hands for “all gone”*)

At your library ...



Be sure to check your library’s website and/or Facebook page for special summer activities in the library and out in the community!