



Berkshiremuseum

Gallery of Dinosaurs and Paleontology

Activities to do at School or at Home

Activities: PreK - Kindergarten

Chocolate Chip Cookie Excavation

Give each student a chocolate chip cookie, and encourage them to use skewers, toothpicks, and plastic spoons to "excavate" the chips from their cookie before eating it.

Dino Puppets

Students can make their own dinosaur puppets out of paper bags. Put one arm inside the bag and use your hand to open and close your dinosaur's mouth. The bottom of the bag becomes the dinosaur's face. Use markers, colored paper, and googly eyes to decorate your bag. Don't forget important dinosaur features like horns (snow cone cups make great ready-made horns), plates, and teeth. Discuss with students what kind of teeth a meat-eater would have (sharp and slightly curved) and what kind of teeth a plant-eater would have (long, skinny, pencil-like teeth in the front and/or short, flat teeth [like our molars] on the sides).

Ten Little Dinosaurs

Read *Ten Little Dinosaurs* by Pattie Schnetzler aloud to the class. Then practice counting with this chant to the tune of "Ten Little Indians."

One little, two little, three little dinosaurs,
Four little, five little, six little dinosaurs,
Seven little, eight little, nine little dinosaurs,
Ten little dinosaur babies.

Assessment: Create a Dinosaur Word Chart

Before your visit to the Museum, ask the whole class to brainstorm what comes to mind when they think about dinosaurs. Write down and draw key words and ideas. Also encourage students to think about what questions they might like to ask while they are at the Museum. Repeat the exercise after your visit to see what has changed.