Dinosaurs Storytime

Sing “Hello Hello” (directions for movements are in italics)

Hello Hello [wave]
Can you clap your hands? [clap hands]
Hello Hello [wave]
Can you stomp your feet? [stomp feet]
Can you reach up high? [reach arms up]
Can you turn around? [spin around]
Can you wiggle your fingers? [wiggle fingers]
And touch the ground? [touch the floor]

Hello Hello [wave]
Can you clap your hands? [clap hands]
Hello Hello [wave]
Can you stomp your feet? [stomp feet]
Can you reach up high? [reach arms up]
Can you turn around? [spin around]
Can you wiggle your fingers? [wiggle fingers]
And sit right down? [sit down]

Read All Aboard the Dinotrain by Deb Lund and Howard Fine

Watch, sing, and dance along with “We Are the Dinosaurs” by Laurie Berkner

Read Tyson the Terrible by Diane and Christyan Fox

Watch and count along with the felt board rhyme “Five Enormous Dinosaurs”

Can you act like a dinosaur?
Move your body and give a roar! [Roar like a dinosaur]
Spread your arms, way out wide [spread arms to the side and stretch]
Fly like Pteranodon, soar and glide [flap arms like they’re wings]
Bend to the floor, head down low [bend down]
Move like Stegosaurus, long ago [walk around with head low by the ground]
Reach up tall, try to be [reach arms up]
As tall as Apatosaurus eating on a tree [pretend hands are “eating”]
Using your claws, grumble and growl [pretend hands are claws]
Just like Tyrannosaurus on the prowl! [“prowl” around with hands like claws]

Read Digger the Dinosaur by Rebecca Kai Dotlich

Sing “Goodbye Song”

Wave high [wave high in the air]
Wave low [wave toward the ground]
Because it’s time [clap clap]
for us to go [clap clap]
Wave your fingers [wave fingers]
Wave your toes [wave toes]
Wave your bottom [shake bottom]
Wave your nose [wiggle nose]
Wave like that [small wave with fingers]
Wave like this [wave side to side with hand]
Wave your arms [wave arms]
Blow a kiss [blow a kiss]

Crafts & Extension Activities

_Dinosaurs Roar, Butterflies Soar_ by Bob Barner is a nonfiction picture book (available on TumbleBook Library) that is longer than an average storytime book (7 minutes), but is a great one to read and watch for more information about dinosaurs.

Find dinosaur activities and crafts for pre-K in the Scholastic Teachables database through the MGPL website. Visit mgpl.org/databases, follow the Scholastic Teachables link, search for Dinosaurs, and select Pre-K.

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