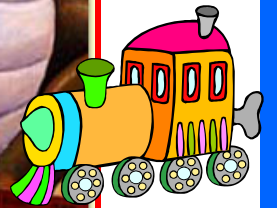


# Dino Ways to Play



## Kidasaurus Decorating Day

Trace around your child as they lay on a large piece of butcher paper. Add horns or spikes or tail or anything else child wants. Let your child color and cut out "dinosaur". They can add glitter, scales, even remnant of fabric or yarn to add texture. Then have fun naming each — such as mommyasaurus or "child's name" asaurus. Make your entire family over as dinosaurs!

## Light and Heavy Lifting

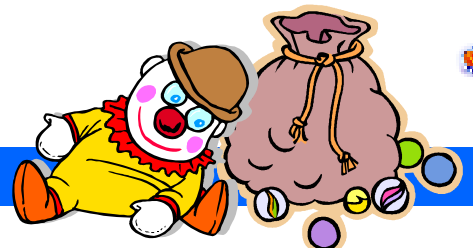
Fill 5 plastic Easter eggs with five different items ranging in weight. Ask your kids to order the eggs from lightest to heaviest. (make sure items are easy to differentiate – try a feather, a penny, a marble, etc.) After they order the eggs, let them to open the eggs to discuss the objects found inside. Surprise them next time you play with different objects!

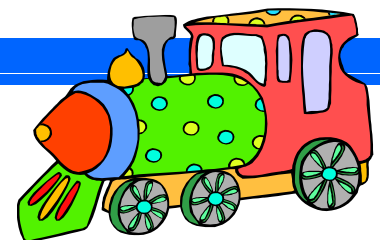
## Dissolving Dino Soap

Combine the 3 tablespoons hot water with the 3 tablespoons of gelatin in a bowl and stir until it dissolves. Add 20 drops of food coloring and 1/3 cup of liquid bubble bath. Pour this mixture into an empty margarine container or other disposable bowl. Drop plastic dinos into to goo, spreading them far enough apart to easily cut out later. Put the entire container in the refrigerator for an hour, then once it has solidified, use cookie cutters to cut out your soap encased dinos. Wrap unused soaps in wax paper and store in refrigerator until the next bath time!

## Ice Age Dino Escape

Put gummy dinosaurs into an ice cube tray and fill with water. This gives you the opportunity to discuss how many dinosaurs died during the ice age. Then children get a chance to "save" the dinosaurs from the ice by cracking it with spoons.





# Dino Ways to Play (continued)

## Paleontology Dig

Buy some dog biscuits shaped like bones and paint them white. After they dry, bury them in the yard or sand box, so your child can go out and dig them up. After repeated excavations, take the bones inside to try to fit the together over the outline of a dinosaur, or in the shape of a Pteranodon.

## Paper Mache Dino Eggs

It is easy to make dinosaur eggs! Make sure you have a balloon for each child in your family, then insert a tiny plastic dinosaur into every one. Blow up the balloons and tie them as you normally would. Next make paper mache paste, dip strips of tissue paper in it, and wrap them around the balloon. Hang balloons by their tail on a string to dry outside until they harden. Allow children to "crack" eggs to find their dino prize

## Dinosaur Memory Game

Make a dinosaur memory game from dinosaur stickers on juice can lids, index cards, or old paint chip samples.

## Dinosaur Stompers

Purchase inexpensive oversized rubber boots. Spray the boots green and let the paint dry. Add red or black paint, or stickers, for toe nails.

## Numeral recognition

Write the numbers 1-10 on large dog bones and put them in a bag. Have your child close her eyes and remove one of the bones. Then she gets to open her eyes, pour out all the bones, and looking at the remaining bones to identify which numbered bone is missing. Help her order the others, and be sure to count out loud often , touching the numbers as you say their names, so she gets plenty of chances to see and hear the number at the same time!

## Counting

Put 12 small dog bones in a plastic bag with two dice. Have your children take turns rolling dice. With each roll a child gets to remove the number of bones according to the numbers on the die. The child who collects the most bones wins!

## Dinosaur Bone Drop

You'll simply need some dog biscuits shaped like bones and a jar or container for this game. Have the kids stand on a sturdy chair or step high above the container. Allow them to drop the "dino bones" into the container while standing straight. Give them 5-10 bones each. The one who gets the most in the jar wins!

