

Themes

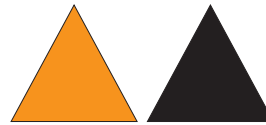
Dino World

It's no secret that young children are fascinated with dinosaurs. In this theme, children will discover dinosaurs by exploring fossils, volcanoes, footprints, and more! Children will compare, contrast, make predictions, and use other mathematical and scientific concepts to get to know these prehistoric creatures.

Happy Harvest

Celebrate nature's bounty with this fall theme. Children will enjoy learning about autumn symbols such as leaves, scarecrows, and pumpkins. Activities will also focus on farm crops and the machinery that plants and harvests them for us.

Color/ Shape



Alphabet Words

daffodil, desk, dirt, duck, ear, elephant, engine, escalator, farm, feather, feet, fog

Letters

Dd,
Ee, Ff

Sign Language



Numbers

4, 5, 6

Learn with Me!

Salt Dough Dinosaur Bones

Pretend play as paleontologists together. Invite your child to help you mix up a batch of salt dough (see recipe on back). Work together to sculpt your own dinosaur bones. Once they're dry, bury them in some dirt or sand to excavate!

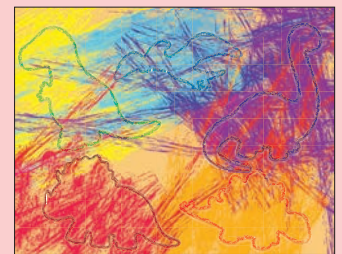
Pumpkin Play

Explore pumpkins at home together! Carve a jack-o'-lantern with your child. Draw shapes in the form of a face on the pumpkin together. Ask your child to name the shapes. Stress October's shape—the triangle. After you cut out the shapes, encourage your child to clean out the pumpkin and describe the scent and texture of its flesh.

My Project: Dino Rubbings

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Name each of the dinosaurs.
- Replicate the rubbing technique with items such as coins, doilies, leaves, etc.



My Project: Raffia Painting

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Talk about the materials used to create the painting tool.
- Think about household items we can use to make more unique painting tools.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Book List

Dinosaur Parade

by Shari Halpern

My Book of Fossils

by Dean R. Lomax

Suppose You Meet a Dinosaur

by Judy Sierra

How to Catch a Dinosaur

by Adam Wallace

Right This Very Minute: A Table-to-Farm Book About Food and Farming

by Lisl H. Detlefsen

Let's Go to the Farmers' Market

by Katrina Liu

Hey, Hey, Hay!

by Christy Mihaly

Plant It! Grow It, Eat It

by Ethan Safran and Emily Skwish

Recipe

Salt Dough

2 cups all-purpose flour OR gluten-free

1-to-1 baking flour

1 cup salt

1 cup water

Combine the flour and salt in a large mixing bowl. Gradually add water while stirring to form dough.

Mold the dough into a ball and knead until its smooth and firm. Add a spoonful of water at a time until the dough reaches the desired consistency, if needed. (If the dough is too sticky, add more flour by the spoonful until desired consistency is achieved.) Work with your children to sculpt the dough into dinosaur bones (or other shapes). Heat oven to 250°F. Cover a baking sheet with foil and set bones on top. Bake until golden brown. Let cool, and use for pretend play. Store any leftover dough in a plastic storage bag.



Songs & Rhymes

Five Enormous Dinosaurs

Five enormous dinosaurs; listen to them roar!
(Roar together.)

One went away and then there were four.

Four enormous dinosaurs crashing down a tree,
(Clap loudly.)

One went away and then there were three.

Three enormous dinosaurs eating veggie stew,
(Pretend to eat.)

One went away and then there were two.

Two enormous dinosaurs stomping just for fun,
(Stomp feet.)

One went away and then there was one.

One enormous dinosaur afraid to be a hero,
(Cover face.)

He went away and then there were zero!

Little Boy Blue

Little boy blue,

Come blow your horn,

The sheep's in the meadow,

The cow's in the corn.

But where is the boy

Who looks after the sheep?

He's under a haystack,

Fast asleep.

Reminders
