

# Dinosaurs (6-12 Year Old Paleontologists)

## MONDAY

### Craft:

#### [Baking Soda Volcano](#)

(I love this classic craft because your child can do almost all the creating with a little guidance. They get to craft and get a science lesson at the same time. Adding some [small dinosaur figures](#) at the bottom of the volcano are a nice touch to visually tie in the theme.)

### Printable:

#### [Paleontology Cards](#)

### Independent Activities:

Have your child get out paper and pencil and learn to draw a Velociraptor using [this drawing tutorial](#).

### What to read:

#### [Smithsonian: The Dinosaur Book](#)

### What to watch:

#### [National Geographic: Dinosaurs 101](#)

## TUESDAY

### Fun with Food:

#### [Dinosaur Fossil Cookies](#)

(Grab a small dinosaur figure and give it a good wash and let your child press the feet in to make dinosaur fossils they can eat. I love this because you can use a sugar cookie mix or go homemade with your favorite recipe.)

### Other fun foods:

Breakfast: Watermelon cut in triangles (aka dinosaur spikes) or grapes (aka dinosaur eggs)

Snack: Herbivore cups of carrot sticks and celery sticks

Lunch: Carnivore lunch of dinosaur shaped nuggets

### Printable:

#### [Dinosaur Word Search](#)

### Independent Activities:

Have your child grab their Legos or favorite building blocks and create a dinosaur scene. Maybe it's a landscape with dinosaurs. Maybe it's a volcano. Maybe it's flying dinosaurs over water.

### What to read:

#### [Dinosaur Lady: The Daring Discoveries of Mary Anning, the First Paleontologist](#)

## WEDNESDAY

### Fieldtrip:

#### In person:

If your local natural history museum is open grab your mask and head there to see real dinosaur fossils. You can check out this [site](#) to see if there is a fossil dig site anywhere near you. If neither of those works for you, you can simply head to your local park or nature preserve. Have your child be on the lookout for fossils in rocks which are usually in sedimentary rocks near the banks of water.

### Virtual "Fieldtrip":

#### \*[National Museum of Natural History Virtual Tours](#)

#### \* [National History Museum of Los Angeles County \(NHM\):](#)

#### [Dinosaur Hall Virtual Tour](#)

#### \*[Raymond M. Alf Museum of Paleontology](#)

### Printable:

#### [Dinosaur Maze](#)

### Independent Activities:

[Dinosaur Slime](#) – Your child will love this neon green version with dinosaur figures!

### What to read:

#### [What Was the Age of the Dinosaurs](#)

## THURSDAY

### Activity:

#### [Salt Dough Fossil Casts](#)

(I love this craft because while the recipe is really easy your child can focus on using various plants and dinosaur figures to create their fossils. Your child can paint these to make a colorful fossil cast they will want to keep.)

### Printable:

#### [Dinosaur I-Spy](#)

### Independent Activities:

#### [Triceratops Corner Bookmarks](#) –

Have your child get out some colored paper and simple supplies and follow the tutorial to make these corner bookmarks for their summer reading.

### What to read:

#### [True Paleontology \(The Study of Prehistoric Life\)](#)

### What to watch:

#### [Dinosaurs for Kids | Learn about Dinosaur History, Fossils, Dinosaur Extinction and more!](#)

## FRIDAY

### Move Your Body Activity:

#### Dinosaur Egg Hunt

Fill plastic eggs with [small dinosaurs](#) and hide them around your house or outside in your yard. Your child will love the search and the work of opening each egg to find which dinosaur they got. To get them moving even more, add some of these [Dinosaur Activity Challenge Cards](#) to the eggs and have your child do each movement on the cards in the eggs they find.

### Printable:

#### [Tyrannosaur Coloring Page](#)

### Independent Activities:

Dinosaur Bones: Leave out some construction paper, glue and cotton swabs. Let your child use their imagination to make a dinosaur fossil using the cotton swabs.

### What to read:

#### [Science Comics: Dinosaurs: Fossils and Feathers](#)

### Friday Night Movie Picks:

\*Ice Age: Dawn of the Dinosaurs

\*The Good Dinosaur

\*Walking with Dinosaurs