

Storytime Suggestions for *Drumheller Dinosaur Dance*

Drumheller Dinosaur Dance is recommended for ages 3–7.

Storytime Props

Make storytime more creative and fun by including props to encourage group participation, emphasize important scenes in the story and get into character. It is always a good idea to organize your props and rehearse your storytime actions in advance. Don't forget to store all of your props in a bin for next time.

You might include

-  a handful of miniature-size toy dinosaurs
-  a small drum or bongo
-  castanets
-  pot lids (or something similar to mimic the sound of cymbals)
-  other instruments that mimic some of the noises in the story such as Boomity-Boom, Rattely-Clack, Thumpity-Thump and Whickety-Whack. For example, you can use sticks, a tambourine, a plastic bag filled with beans (to shake), etc.



Activity Materials

Before storytime, collect the following materials and organize an activity area where your group can work. Make sure to store your activity materials in a separate bin from the storytime props.

You will need

-  photocopies of the reverse activity page
-  pencils, different colored markers and pencil crayons

Before You Read the Story

ASK your reading group to name their favorite dinosaurs.

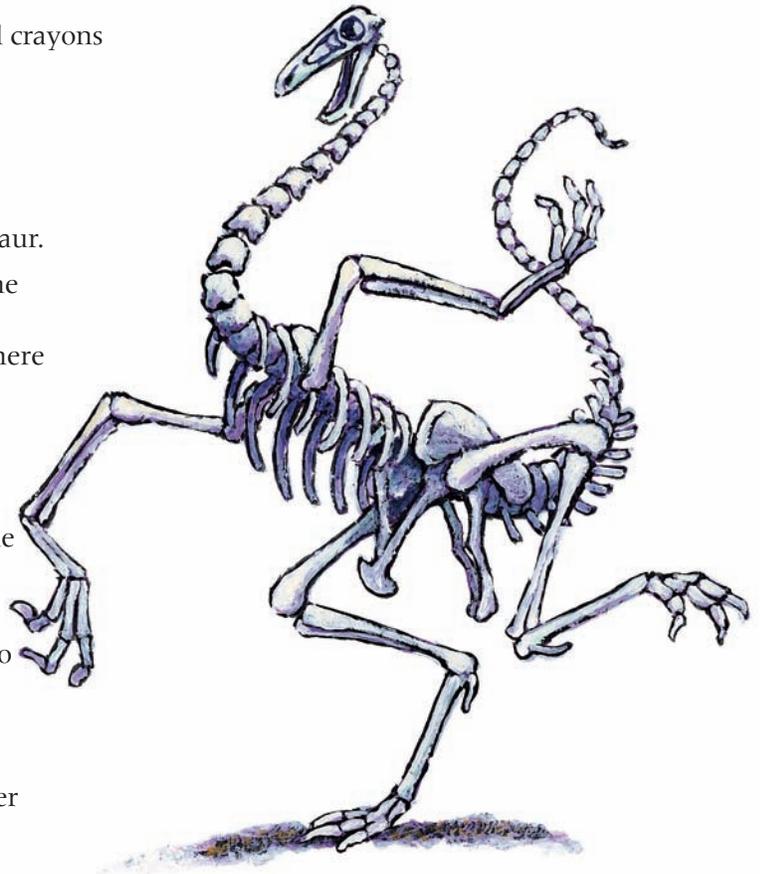
Have your group **SHARE** interesting facts about each dinosaur.

SHOW your group the noisemakers, and ask them to use the instruments during the chorus of the story: Boomity-Boom, Rattely-Clack, Thumpity-Thump and Whickety-Whack. If there aren't enough noisemakers to go around, ask kids without them to clap their hands and stomp their feet to the chorus.

After You Read the Story

Keep the fun going by asking your group to participate in the following activity.

Hand out a copy of the activity page to each person in your group, and ask them to create their own dinosaur. Explain to your group that the picture should include examples of the types of food it eats and where it lives. Once everyone has completed the activity page, ask your group to think of fun names for their dinosaurs. Ask each person to present his/her dinosaur to the group.



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Design Your Very Own Dinosaur

Create your own dinosaur and include illustrations of the types of food it would eat and where it would live. Don't forget to give your dinosaur a cool name.

