

BAKER'S DOZEN SELECTIONS

DINOSAUR MINI LESSONS

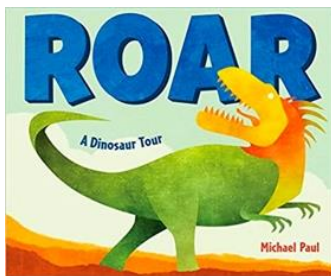
- Roar: A Dinosaur Tour* by Michael Paul (2019 Selection) Cassava Republic Press, 2019
Charlotte and the Rock by Stephen W. Martin (2018 Selection) Dial Books for Young Readers, 2017
Chalk by Bill Thomson (2011 Selection) Marshall Cavendish Children, 2010
Dinosaur vs. Bedtime by Bob Shea (2009 Selection) Hyperion Books for Children, 2008
Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow (2004 Selection) Random, 2003
Dave's Cave by Michael Paul (2019 Selection) Nosy Crow, an imprint of Candlewick Press, 2018
Me Hungry! by Jeremy Tankard (2009 Selection) Candlewick Press, 2008

Library Information Concepts:

- Identifying Text Features
- Describing Key Ideas and Details
- Recalling Information

Pennsylvania Core Standards:

- ELA CC 1.2.PK-1.E
- ELA CC 1.3.PK-1.G
- ELA CC 1.3.PK-1.I
- ELA CC 1.3.PK-1.K
- ELA CC 1.5.PK-1.A
- ELA CC 1.5.PK-1.B



Roar: A Dinosaur Tour by Michael Paul

Prepare to tour the world of dinosaurs! This book will delight readers with simple text and interesting facts about these prehistoric creatures. With endpapers that provide a pronunciation guide and nicknames for each dinosaur, young readers will devour this book over and over. Which dinosaurs walked on two legs? Which ones shook the ground when they walked? Was an Iguanodon slow-moving or fast? You can find the answers to these wonders and more when you embark on the dinosaur tour!

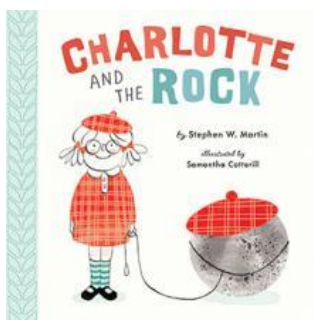
Tips for Using with Children

Before reading, show the children the inside cover of the book with pictures of dinosaurs and information about how to pronounce their names. Point to each dinosaur, say its name, and invite children to repeat it with you. Flip to the back page, point to each dinosaur's nickname, read them aloud and again, invite children to say them with you. During reading, discuss the characteristics of the dinosaurs that the children see in the images (for example, some have spikes, long tails, short snouts, skinny bodies, big teeth, horns, and so on). This deceptively simple,

nonfiction text compares the many types of dinosaurs with each other and gives the youngest dinosaur lovers the pleasure of adding to their “dinosaur expertise.” After reading, the children may be invited to share which dinosaur they find the most interesting, find more books about that species, be that dinosaur in dramatic play, and/or write and draw their own small dinosaur books.

Tips for Using with Families

Ask parents about their children’s interest in dinosaurs. Do they have a child who likes to find out everything they possibly can about dinosaurs? Is their child a “dinosaur expert?” Tell parents that a sustained, intense interest in a topic such as dinosaurs helps children to develop their knowledge, improve their attention span, and deepen cognitive growth. Discuss the ways families can support a child’s curiosity about dinosaurs. Some suggestions may be: finding the dinosaur section at the local library, visiting a dinosaur museum, watching specials about dinosaurs on television nature channels, and encouraging children to write about and draw their own dinosaurs. Point out to parents that *Roar: A Dinosaur Tour* is a book that contains a helpful pronunciation key for dinosaur names in the front inside cover.



Charlotte and the Rock by Stephen W. Martin, Illustrated by Samantha Cotterill

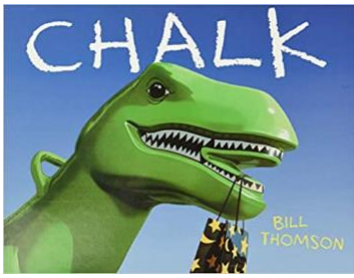
Charlotte has always wanted a pet, so when her parents decide to surprise her with one on her birthday, she should be thrilled. However, Dennis the pet rock is not entirely what she expected. He is a good listener and hypoallergenic...but is a challenge to walk and has a poor appetite. Charlotte looks on the bright side of things, however, and gives Dennis the love and attention he needs until one day, he is finally able to return her affection!

Tips for Using with Children

Return to the story and investigate the method Charlotte uses to choose Dennis’ name. How did she choose? A story extension could be to use chalk to draw a hopscotch game outdoors. Players can toss beanie bags onto the hopscotch squares when it is their turn to determine which square they need to skip over when hopping from one end to the other. Adults can role model the game and join in the fun as children toss, count, and jump.

Tips for Using with Families

Pet rocks were very popular in the 1970s and could even be purchased in stores! When reading this story to children, adults can ask children what types of activities they would do with a pet rock. Adults can connect the story to personal experiences by talking with children about their favorite animals or pets. Predicting is an important literacy skill that families can practice while reading this book together. Just by looking at the cover of the book, adults and children can make predictions about what they think will happen in the story. At the end of the story, revisit the predictions to see if the end of the story was a surprise!



Chalk by Bill Thomson

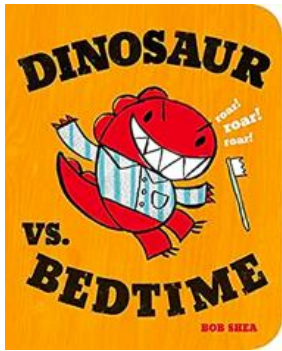
Imagine a world where whatever you draw with a piece of chalk springs to life. A shining sun and beautiful butterflies fill the pages of this wonderfully illustrated story as children on a playground realize that the bag of chalk they found contains some magic. But, what happens when one of the children decides to draw a ferocious dinosaur on the pavement? Discover the creativity within this wordless picture book as you watch your children’s vivid expressions and allow their imaginations to guide them in telling the story. It’s an adventure you don’t want to miss!

Tips for Using with Children

Allow children’s imaginations (and vocabulary) to soar as they invent words to accompany the illustrations in this book. Children will love to tell the story in their own way. A fun extension activity is to ask children to imagine that they are with the other children in the story. How would they stop the dinosaur? What would they draw with their piece of chalk? Provide chalk and allow children to draw a picture and describe what might happen if their drawing came to life. The pictures could be collected into a special book designed by the children.

Tips for Using with Families

Before sharing this story with a child, families may want to preview the book and think of some questions that they want to ask their child when reading. Questions like “What did the children find?” and “How do you think they felt when the dinosaur came to life?” will help spark children’s storytelling. Families can set the stage for children by asking them to think about times they have drawn with chalk outside. In what ways can chalk drawings be erased? It might be a good idea to talk with children about the ending of the story, too. For example, families can ask children what they think will happen next. These questions can help to fill the pages of a wordless picture book with a LOT of interesting conversation!



Dinosaur vs. Bedtime by Bob Shea

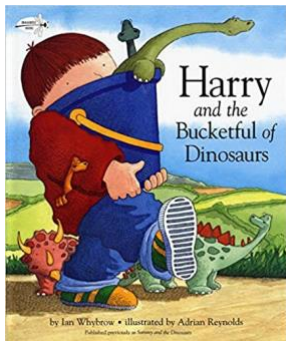
Dinosaur elevates everyday activities into triumphant battles. Dinosaur vs A pile of leaves? Of course, Dinosaur wins! A bowl of spaghetti, a big slide, and even a group of talking grownups are no match for Dinosaur’s awesome power. That is, until Bedtime enters the picture! Young readers will enjoy this exuberant, easy to read (and shout!) story, matched with energetic illustrations of paper, paint, photo collage, and crayons.

Tips for Using with Children

Act out *Dinosaur vs. Bedtime*! Pretend you’re Dinosaur and come up with a new Dinosaur challenge. What will you battle against and win?

Tips for Using with Families

Suggest that families invite their children to join in when they read the word “Roar” matching their voice to the size of the word.



Harry and the Bucketful of Dinosaurs by Ian Whybrow
(Originally published as *Sammy and the Dinosaurs* by Orchard, © 1999)

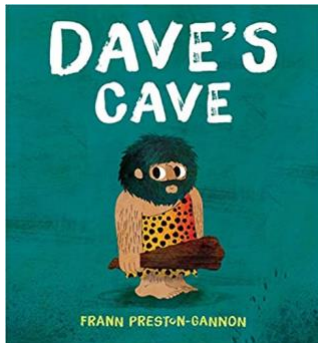
Children who love dinosaurs will love this story about Harry and the dinosaur friends he discovers in Gran’s attic. Readers learn the real names of their favorite dinos, and parents will appreciate the handy pronunciation guide at the back of the book. The story has special appeal for children who personify their toys or talk with “imaginary” friends.

Tips for Using with Children

This book may be used to engage children in discussions about getting along with siblings and other family members who upset them. Ask children, “What were some things that Sam did in the book that made Harry upset? What is something nice Sam could have said to make Harry feel better?”

Tips for Using with Families

Discuss with families ways to use toys for learning. In this book, Harry researched the names of his dinosaur toys. Encourage children to choose a stuffed animal or animal toy they would like to learn more about. Bring the toy to the library and find nonfiction children's books to read together.



Dave's Cave by Frann Preston-Gannon

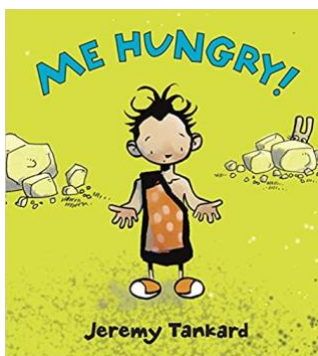
Dave is a likeable caveman who loves the green grass and big comfy rocks that make his home. That is, unless there is a *better* cave out there with greener grass and bigger rocks. In humorous caveman language, this story follows Dave as he seeks out a better home. Readers can relate as Dave explores the characteristics of different caves and realizes, at long last, that there just may be no place like home. This book is perfect for a fun read with a meaningful message.

Tips for Using with Children

Dave's Cave is a fun read aloud. Children can practice their cave person voices. On a repeated reading, invite the children to join in. On some pages, point to the words to direct children's eyes to the print. Be sure to help the children notice and read the drawings on the cave wall. As an extension activity, children can draw pictures of what they would like on the walls of their perfect cave homes.

Tips for Using with Families

Talk about questions that parents may want to ask the children while reading about Dave's journey to find the perfect cave. Why didn't he like his own cave? What did Dave take with him, and what would you take with you? Engage the children in a discussion about what isn't quite right about each cave that Dave considers. Parents and children may also discuss Dave's cave-person speech and have fun acting it out together.



Me Hungry! by Jeremy Tankard

In a story that children will want to hear read over and over again, an engaging little cave boy named Edwin declares, “Me hungry!” Both of his parents are too busy to get him something to eat. Edwin takes matters into his own hands and sets out on a journey to hunt for his own food. He not only finds food but makes a new friend. When Edwin’s father finally calls him for dinner, Edwin responds, “We busy!” With very little text, simple illustrations, and brightly colored backgrounds, this funny story is sure to be a hit with children who have experienced busy parents.

Tips for Using with Children

Have fun with this story! Talk with children about prehistoric times, comparing them to children’s lives today. Do you or your family have to go hunting to get food? How do you get your food? On repeated readings invite children to join in.

Tips for Using with Families

Talk with families about the importance of language play. Edwin’s use of “Me” instead of “I” might provide a good opportunity to point out how clever your child is to know how to talk like a modern boy/girl instead of a cave boy! Your children will enjoy dramatizing Edwin’s story. Families will sympathize with Edwin’s busy parents.