

Dinosaurs!

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A wordless, board book with outlined drawings all combine to visually tell the story of a little boys' bathtime antics. His imagination is in overdrive as he is surrounded by bigger and bigger dinosaurs.



Read

Before:

Introduce the book and tell the children a little bit about it. Follow with a comment or question that is related to the story such as, *Which dinosaur is your favorite?* Encourage a discussion so the children can comment, ask questions, and express their feelings. Set the stage for listening by asking an "I wonder" statement based on the cover illustration.

- I wonder which dinosaur the boy is holding?

During:

Encourage the children to comment on the illustrations, ask questions, and predict what will happen next in the story. Children gain confidence and a sense of achievement through being able to correctly predict how a story will end.

After:

Discuss the story. Ask questions...

- What did the boy do in the beginning of the story?
- What was he playing with?
- What happened after the dinosaurs starting showing up?
- Where did they go?
- Why was the floor all wet?
- What did the mom do when she noticed that the floor was wet?
- Did the boy survive the dinosaurs? Were the dinosaurs real or pretend?

Do

Create Your Own Story

As a group, decide on a theme or topic that each child can draw about. Give each child a piece of white paper and allow them enough time to draw a picture about the theme, and make sure they draw themselves in their picture. After the children have created their own illustration, combine all the classroom pictures, read the new story created by the students and allow the students the opportunity to describe their own page. When all the illustrations have been read, explain that they have now created their own wordless book.

Extra Activity

If desired, mount the pictures onto construction paper and laminate each page. Bind the pages together and place the book in your classroom library. The children can create their own story to fit each illustration.

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