The Dino Pokey
(Mary Marshall & Sue Eilers)
Tune: “Hokey Pokey”

You put your dino foot in, you put your dino foot out,
You put your dino foot in, and you shake it all about.
You do the Dino Pokey and you turn yourself around,
That’s what it’s all about.

You put your dino wings in, you put your dino wings out,
You put your dino wings in, and you flap them all about.
You do the Dino Pokey and you turn yourself around,
That’s what it’s all about.

You put your sharp horns in, you put your sharp horns out,
You put your sharp horns in, and you poke them all about.
You do the Dino Pokey and you turn yourself around,
That’s what it’s all about.

You put your dino tail in, you put your dino tail out,
You put your dino tail in, and you swing it all about.
You do the Dino Pokey and you turn yourself around,
That’s what it’s all about.

You put your dino self in, you put your dino self out,
You put your dino self in, and you shake yourself about.
You do the Dino Pokey and you turn yourself around,
That’s what it’s all about.

Five Little Dinosaurs
(Lohnes/ Finger Folk)

Five little dinosaurs, trying hard to roar,
One went away, and then there were four.

Four little dinosaurs, hiding near a tree,
One went away, and then there were three.

Three little dinosaurs, peeking out at you,
One went away, and then there were two.

Two little dinosaurs, ready now to run,
One went away, and then there was one.

One little dinosaur, not having any fun,
He went away, and then there were none.

*Use with finger puppets or flannel board.*
All Around the Swamp
(Warren/ The Best of Totline, adapted by Sue Eilers)
Tune: “The Wheels on the Bus”

Triceratops’ horns went
Poke, poke, poke, [put finger to forehead and make poking motion]
Poke, poke, poke.
Poke, poke, poke.
Triceratops’ horns went
Poke, poke, poke,
All around the swamp.

Brachiosaurus went
Chomp, chomp, chomp, [make exaggerated chewing motions]
Chomp, chomp, chomp.
Chomp, chomp, chomp.
Brachiosaurus went
Chomp, chomp, chomp,
All around the swamp.

Pteranodon’s wings went
Flap, flap, flap, [make flapping motions with both arms]
Flap, flap, flap.
Flap, flap, flap.
Pteranodon’s wings went
Flap, flap, flap,
All around the swamp.

Tyrannosaurus Rex went,
“Grr, grr, grr!” [make ‘grring’ noises]
“Grr, grr, grr!”
“Grr, grr, grr!”
Tyrannosaurus Rex went,
“Grr, grr, grr!”
All around the swamp.

Add more verses of your own
for different types of dinosaurs.
Dinosaur, Dinosaur

(Kidstuff 6: 5 & 6)
Tune: “Teddy Bear, Teddy Bear Turn Around”

Dinosaur, dinosaur turn around. [turn around twice]
Dinosaur, dinosaur touch the ground. [touch the ground]
Dinosaur, dinosaur, Roar! Roar! Roar! [roar three times]
Dinosaur! Dinosaur! [put hands on cheeks, look scared, shriek words]
Shut the door! [pretend to slam door]

Five Little Dinosaurs

(Charner/ The Giant Encyclopedia of Circle Time)
Tune: “Five Little Ducks”

Five little dinosaurs went out to play
Out in the land of the lost one day.
Tyrannosaurus Rex ate one for a snack
And four little dinosaurs came running back.

Four little dinosaurs went out to play
Out in the land of the lost one day.
Tyrannosaurus Rex ate one for a snack
And three little dinosaurs came running back.

Three little dinosaurs went out to play
Out in the land of the lost one day.
Tyrannosaurus Rex ate one for a snack
And two little dinosaurs came running back.

Two little dinosaurs went out to play
Out in the land of the lost one day.
Tyrannosaurus Rex ate one for a snack
And one little dinosaur came running back.

One little dinosaur went out to play
Out in the land of the lost one day.
Tyrannosaurus Rex ate one for a snack
And no little dinosaurs came running back.

No little dinosaurs went out to play
Out in the land of the lost one day.
Tyrannosaurus Rex couldn’t find anything to eat
So off she went to go to sleep.
I'm A Mean Old Dinosaur
(Best of Mailbox Songs, Poems, and Fingerplays)
Tune: “I'm a Little Teapot”

I’m a mean old dinosaur, [make a mean frown]
Big and tall. [reach wide and high]
Here is my tail [point to imaginary tail]
And here is my claw. [curl fingers on one hand]
When I get all hungry, [rub tummy]
I just growl [growl the word “growl” with hands around mouth]
Look out kids — [reach arms out]
I’m on the prowl! [lunge left and right]

One Dinosaur
(Lohnes/ Finger Folk)
Tune: “Little White Duck”

There is one dinosaur,
Crashing through the trees.
One dinosaur, eating all he sees.
He takes a bite of the mountain top,
And along comes a friend
With a crash, bang, plop.
Now there’s two dinosaurs,
Crashing through the trees.
Crash, bash, smash.
Repeat for 2, 3, 4.

Do You Have a Dinosaur?
(Mary Marshall & Sue Eilers)
Tune: “Muffin Man”

Do you have the blue dino,
The blue dino,
The blue dino?
Do you have the blue dino?
Then wave it in the air.

Give the children different colored/patterned dinos to wave in the air. Repeat the lyrics, changing the colors/patterns of the dinos with different colors or patterns to match the dinos the children have.
Dino-Match: Find the two dinosaurs on each row that are exactly the same. What is different about the other one?
**Selected Books on Dinosaurs**


**Puppets, Puzzles, Games, & Music**

*Diamonds & Dragons CD* (Charlotte Diamond)

Dino Scramble Puzzle (3-D, 9 pieces)

Dinosaur Dominoes Game

Dinosaur Egg Puppet

Dinosaur Puzzle (7 pieces)

Dinosaur Roar Puppet

Dinosaurs Set #1: Orange Apotosaurus and Green Tyrannosaurus

Dinosaurs Set #2: Blue Stegasaurus and Pink Triceratops

Dinosaurs Set #3: Red Pterodactyl and Purple Spinosaurus

Dinosaur Peg Puzzle (9 pieces)

*Dr. Davy’s Dinosaur Sing-Along CD* (David Hummer)

*That’s What Little Boys Are Made Of CD* (Music for Little People)

Tyrannosaurus Rex Puppet

*Walt Disney Pictures Presents Dinosaur CD* (Walt Disney)
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**Story Totes**

Animals for All Seasons [seasons & different animals]
“B” Is for Building [building & construction machines]
Beautiful Babies [big brothers, big sisters, & new babies]
   Billions of Bugs [all kinds of insects]
Birthday Bonanza [celebrating birthdays]
Bunches of Bears [teddy bears & real bears]
Cool Cats & Cuddly Kittens [cats & kittens]
   Dazzling Dinosaurs [dinosaurs]
   Fabulous Food [food and eating]
Fascinating Families [all types of families & their members]
Fun on the Farm [farms & farm animals]
   Helpers & Heroes [community helpers]
   Monster Mania [monsters]
Pooches by the Pound [dogs & puppies]
Preschoolers Pretend [imagination & play]
   Rainbows & Stars [colors & shapes]
   Sensational Seasons [the four seasons]
   Sing a Song of Sixpence [music & rhyme]
Spectacular Sea Stories [ocean & sea creatures]
   Trips Around Town [places to visit]
   Wacky Weather [all types of weather]
Wonderful World of Wheels [transportation]
   Zoo-rific [zoos & zoo animals]

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