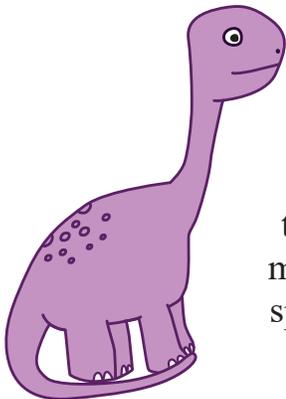


Extension Activity Guide

Dinosaur House and Other Poems for Children

- After reading *Dinosaur House*, create your own similar poetry collection. Have children select favorite poems and illustrate around the text, or write their own poems and then illustrate them. Collect the illustrated poems into a book.
- Talk with children about different categories or types of poems that can be found in *Dinosaur House*. These categories might include, for example: poems about animals, food, clothing, and sports and games. Have the children sort the poems into the categories by writing the titles in labeled columns or on a Venn diagram.
- Read the poem “What Color Were the Dinosaurs” to the children or have them read it to you. Present children with a printed/photocopied picture of a dinosaur or dinosaur skeleton. Encourage the children to imagine what the dinosaur might have looked like by drawing in feathers, fur, scales, warty skin, etc., and then coloring in the image.
- Read the poem “In Praise of Pickles” aloud to the children or have them read it to you. Prompt the children to create their own poems about their favorite foods, titled “In Praise of _____.”



- Read the poem “Perfect Pizza” aloud to the children or have them read it to you. Have children draw their own “perfect pizzas.” If appropriate, have them label the toppings they have drawn.
- After reading “The License Plate Game” with children, prompt them to play the game during a car or bus trip. Supply blank U.S. maps to the children. Prompt them to color in or mark the states as they spot the license plates.