

Discussion Items

1. Have you ever gotten a letter in the mail? How did you feel when you opened it? How do you think Max felt when he received a response from the dinosaur?
2. Max and the dinosaur become pen pals. Do you have a pen pal? What do you think it would be like to have a pen pal who is a dinosaur?
3. If you could write a letter to a dinosaur, which dinosaur would you choose and what would you say?
4. Max learns a lot about dinosaurs through his letters. What new things did you learn about dinosaurs from this book?
5. What was your favorite part of the story? Why?

Activities

1. Write a letter or draw a picture for a friend and mail it!
2. Draw or paint a picture of your perfect dinosaur pen pal.
3. Visit a dinosaur museum.
4. Create your own 'dinosaur museum' using toy dinosaurs set up around the room or house. You can even use blocks or Magnatiles to build exhibits for each one!
5. Visit the library and pick out other books about dinosaurs to learn more about them.

Dinosaur Footprint Cookies

Ingredients:

- 1 Cup Butter (Softened)
- 1 Cup Sugar
- 1 Egg
- 1 Tbs Vanilla
- 3 Cups Flour
- 1 1/2 tsp Baking Powder
- 1/2 tsp Salt



Directions:

1. In a large bowl or mixer, combine butter and sugar until light and fluffy.
 2. Add in egg and vanilla and mix until combined.
 3. In a separate bowl, combine flour, baking powder, and salt.
 4. Slowly add the flour mixture to the butter mixture and mix until completely incorporated.
 5. Roll dough into ball, wrap in plastic wrap, and refrigerate for 1-2 hours.
 6. Preheat oven to 350 F and line baking sheet with parchment paper.
 7. Roll chilled dough out on a floured surface until its about 1/4" thick.
 8. Cut cookies into small circles using a cookie cutter and use the foot of a dinosaur toy to make a footprint in each circle.
 9. Transfer circle cookies to baking sheet and bake for 8-10 minutes or il edges begin to brown.
- Enjoy!