



# Holly Ridge Center

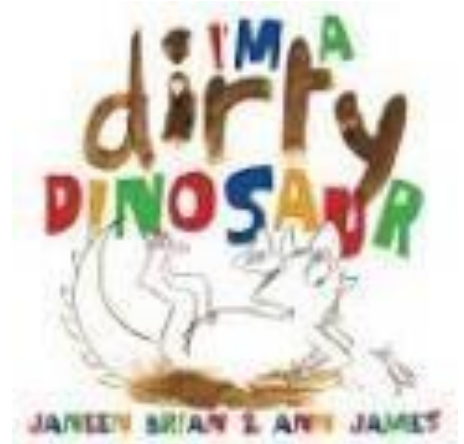
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At Home Learning

## **I m a Dirty Dinosaur**

**Author: Janeen Brian and Ann James**

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From award-winning author and illustrator team, Janeen Brian and Ann James, comes this creative and rhythmic picture book. Our favorite little dinosaur starts with a dirty nose and moves down to his tail until, at last, he has a wash and starts all over again. The perfect read-aloud story using repetitive rhyming and illustrations to captivate children and adults, using motor actions to act out all the dirty dinosaurs' actions and encourage language development through sound play. This book comes in a variety of forms for all families to enjoy. Gillian Catlow takes this story and creates a musical rendition of the book. Enjoy the sing-along version.



### **At home activities:**

- Bathing Dinosaurs - The dirty dinosaur ends up washing. Provide a variety of shapes, sizes, and colors of sponges and dinosaurs in the water table or water safe bin. Children will explore floating, squeezing, and sorting the sponges as well as practice washing.
- Tap It Like a Drum- Get out musical instruments or be creative and make your own. Children use rhythm instruments such as drums, bells, rhythm sticks, tambourines, woodblocks, etc. Play lively music as everyone marches in the parade. Act out the motions following the Dirty Dinosaur.
- Dirt + Water = Mud- Place soil in a big plastic container or a sensory table. In addition to shovels and pails, add plastic spray bottles with water. Allow the children to help clean up.

### **Tips for reading to toddlers**

It is great to adapt the story to your child's attention span. You can skip pages and not read all the words. Try singing the words or acting out the actions on each page. Think about ways to interact with the book beyond the pages. Be animated and silly.