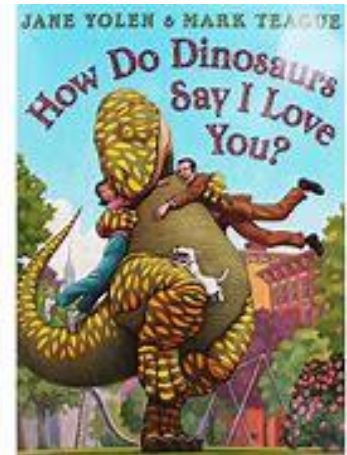


Jane Yolen and Mark Teague created a series of books, and this is one of them. If you have a dinosaur fan in your life or you would like to have some books on how to talk about feelings, this series is a great place to start.

Like many books, this book has been made into a read aloud on YouTube. Each video has a different way of presenting the book. I have included a link here to one of those videos. In this video, the presenter paces the story well; the pages are turned smoothly, and the presenter does not add any additional commentary while reading the book. The video runs about 3:30.

[How Do Dinosaurs Say I Love You? - Read Aloud - YouTube](#)



Some tips for reading with toddlers:

1. Find a comfortable place to sit together with the book
2. Be flexible in how you read the book – your child may be more into the pictures or not wanting to sit for too long.
 - a. Skip the words, talk about the pictures
 - b. Show your child things that are familiar to their world
 - c. Be silly in your voices and facial expressions – this is a great way to encourage mimicking/copying with your child
 - d. Skip pages – do the pages that your child finds attractive at first and slowly add to the story as your child engages more.
3. It is OK to never read a single word in a book and instead focus on the pictures.
4. Move at your child's pace/attention

Activities you can do at home to support this book:

1. **Bring Toy Dinosaurs** when you read the book so that you and your child can be the dinosaurs on the page.
2. **Playdough** – use dinosaurs to make tracks, build big mounds for dinos to go up and down, hide behind, playing Peek a boo with dinosaurs.
3. When you want to give your child a hug or kiss, **pretend to be a dinosaur** and stomp, roar, and pretend to be the dinosaurs in the book.
4. **Dinosaurs in the bath!** Bring those plastic dinosaurs into bath time. They can be washed or stomped through bubbles, make tracks with foam soap or soap paint, or make the dinosaur swim through the water.
5. **Dinosaur dig** (sensory bin or sandbox): Use small paintbrushes to remove the sand, shovels to dig for buried dinosaurs, molds or shapes to put the sand into, and dinos can stomp on them, tiptoe over them. Be silly with your dinosaur as they explore the area.

Have fun! Emotions help us make memories. Being silly, funny, and playful support your child's learning in ways that will make you smile and help them grow.