

Holiday Time Is Dinosaur Time! Party Planner



The dinosaurs are back big-time this holiday season with two new books from Jane Yolen and Mark Teague, *How Do Dinosaurs Say Merry Christmas*? and *How Do Dinosaurs Say Happy Chanukah*? Let's celebrate with a Holiday Time Is Dinosaur Time party. Here is everything you need to help you host an event fans won't forget!

Host a Dino-sized Holiday Party!

How to Get Started

Let dinosaur fans know about your holiday party ahead of time by advertising in your newsletter and/or on your website.

Make copies of the Invitation **Reproducible A**.

Fold each sheet into quarters so that "You're Invited" appears on the front. Keep a stack next to the register to hand out and/ or send them to people on your mailing list. Use the Store Event Sign **Reproducible B** in addition to the invitation. Feature it next to the register or in your store or library window.

Decorating can add to the fun! Help set the scene by adding holiday-inspired touches. For Chanukah, use blue and white colors throughout, and be sure to have a menorah. For Christmas, you can decorate with red and green colors, and Christmas garland.

Make copies of the Activity Sheets **Reproducibles C–H**, and be sure to have enough crayons, pencils, and erasers available. When guests arrive, write their names on their Name Tags **Reproducible I** and hand them out for them to wear during the party.

It's the most festive time of the year so kids are going to come ready to celebrate. They'll appreciate the reproducible activities and coloring sheets. In addition, here are some fun ideas to help you make sure everyone has a good time.

Sweet Treats

Dinosaurs are famous for their voracious appetites. They'll eat anything in their path, but your guests might appreciate some traditional holiday party food. For a Christmas party, be sure to have such holiday goodies as Christmas cookies and candy canes. And a Chanukah party isn't complete without jelly doughnuts and chocolate coins ("gelt").

Holiday Games

For Chanukah, kids will enjoy playing the Dreidel Game. Be sure to have a dreidel on hand, as well as plenty of chocolate coins ("gelt") to use in the game. Older kids will enjoy the traditional version. If you're not familiar with how to play, instructions are easy to find online. Younger kids will have fun singing the song, "I Have a Little Dreidel," and spinning the dreidel.

For Christmas, instead of Simon Says, you can play Santa Says, a Christmas take on the popular game. You can also turn other traditional party games (like Musical Chairs) into Christmas games. Just use "Jingle Bells" or any other familiar Christmas song.

Read and Roar Storytime

Short, funny, rhyming verses make the How Do Dinosaurs series perfect read-alouds. Find a comfy spot where kids can gather around, and ask a volunteer or a member of your staff to read.

Kids will want to gobble up these new books, so have plenty of copies on hand!





And don't forget the other adventures of our marauding mischief makers!











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You're invited...



You're Invited to a Holiday Time Is Dinosaur Time? Party

Join us as we celebrate the season—the dinosaur way!

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Games, Activities, and More!

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What's Inside?

The Suchomimus can't wait to open this present! In the space below, draw the gift that you'd most like to receive this holiday.

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