Read *Ice Cream and Dinosaurs* by Eric Litwin. This story is about a fun-loving dog with a tub full of ice cream—which he shares with his unexpected dinosaur guests.

Make a list of favorite flavors of ice cream. Use the list when playing ice cream store. This shows children that print is useful.

Talk about sharing. Would you share your ice cream? Why or why not? Asking open-ended questions (like "Why?") helps children develop their narrative and speaking skills.

Sing a dinosaur version of the “Bingo” song which teaches the letters D,I,N,O,S.

Dinosaurs lived long ago
And now they are extinct.
D-I-N-O-S, D-I-N-O-S, D-I-N-O-S
And now they are extinct.

Play pretend ice cream store with dinosaurs and serve them different flavors of ice cream.

*Early literacy practice for children ages 3-5.*

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