

Welcome Chaperones!

We invite you to use this guide as you explore WOW! Children's Museum and *Investigating Dinosaurs*. Asking questions and observing things together is a wonderful way to engage children and make learning fun. Please take this home with you and keep learning!

In the *Investigating Dinosaurs* exhibit, visitors can become Junior Paleontologists and explore how we know what we know about dinosaurs. Within five interactive stations, children learn how paleontologists compile evidence that informs the way we view extinct animals. This engaging exhibit provides countless opportunities for children to use critical thinking skills such as analyzing evidence and logical reasoning, as well as open-ended imaginative play.

Below are some questions to ask. It's okay if they don't have an answer or if you can't answer one of their questions. Just encourage them to keep exploring to answer those questions on their own.

- ✦ Build your very own dinosaur by fitting bones together. Does your dinosaur look like a bird? Does it look like a lizard?
- ✦ Try on a dinosaur costume. Find a dinosaur in the exhibit that looks like you. Which parts of that dinosaur look like your costume? Which parts look different?
- ✦ Find a fossil footprint on the floor. Is your foot bigger or smaller than the footprint? How big do you think the animal who made the footprint might have been? How do you know?

Please write down any interesting comments or important questions and give them to your classroom teacher after the field trip:

Thanks again, and have FUN!