



Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Edna, The Very First Chicken

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Tyrannosaurus Rex wants breakfast. He stomps, and he roars, and he gnashes his teeth--and he scares all the other dinosaurs right out of the forest. Only Edna, the very first chicken, is unafraid. She won't let that bully T. Rex push her around! But will Edna's mighty beak and terrible flapping wings be a match for T. rex's mighty claws and terrible jaws?

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Food:

Dinosaur shaped chicken nuggets

A bunch of dinosaur snack ideas <http://momstown.ca/10-fun-dinosaur-snack-ideas-kids/>

Nonfiction Companion Titles:

Pallotta, Jerry. *Tyrannosaurus Rex vs. Velociraptor*. Scholastic, 2016.

Related Article:

Powell, H. (2008, April 24). T. Rex linked to chickens, ostriches. Retrieved March 12, 2018, from Smithsonian website: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/science-nature/t-rex-linked-to-chickens-ostriches-180940877/>

Introduction: Talk about how the illustrator is giving us some ideas about the characters before the story even starts by looking closely at the cover. Ask the kids what they can tell about the Tyrannosaurus (he's really big and scary looking with sharp claws and scaly feet). Edna looks soft and round and has big cartoony eyes-she's meant to look cute and adorable. Ask for a prediction on who might win - T-Rex or Edna.

Story Time Activities:

- Dinosaur coloring sheets <http://www.supercoloring.com/coloring-pages/dinosaurs>
- Do the Chicken Dance (if your district doesn't have access to YouTube, you can access this video from GoNoodle):
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=npp1z32idrc>
- Tyrannosaurus Rex song by StoryBots:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=ZfICoMIHmdg>

Bookmarks:

- Printable dinosaur bookmarks <https://www.easypeasyandfun.com/wp-content/uploads/2016/10/Dinosaur-Bookmarks.pdf>
- Even more dinosaur bookmarks <https://www.activityvillage.co.uk/dinosaur-bookmarks>
- Chicken bookmarks: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Yn8jKcEAiiM>

Crafts:

- T. Rex paper plate craft: <http://herdingkats.blogspot.com/2012/05/winners-more-dinosaurs.html>
- Chicken paper plate craft: <http://www.dltk-kids.com/animals/mplate-chicken.htm>

Discussion Questions:

1. Have you ever had to stand up for yourself? How did you handle that situation?
2. Is Tyrannosaurus Rex a bully in this book?
3. Edna didn't give up, even when T.Rex tried to eat her. Why do you think she didn't give up?
4. If someone was being mean to you, or trying to bully you, what would you say to them to stand up for yourself?