

Grade 2 – Assignment for week of (5/18 to 5/22)

Learning about Dinosaurs:

Another way to study Earth Science is to find evidence of dinosaurs in the ground and see what we can learn about them.

Task #1:

Read and review the words and share with a parent or guardian or think to yourself.

Science Vocabulary:

Dinosaur:	an animal that lived millions of years ago
Extinct:	a kind of animal that no longer lives on Earth
Diet:	the type of foods an animal usually eats
Anatomy:	the body parts of a living thing; how it looks
Herbivore:	an animal that eats grasses and other plants
Carnivore:	an animal that eats meat or other animals

Task #2: Making Word Cards

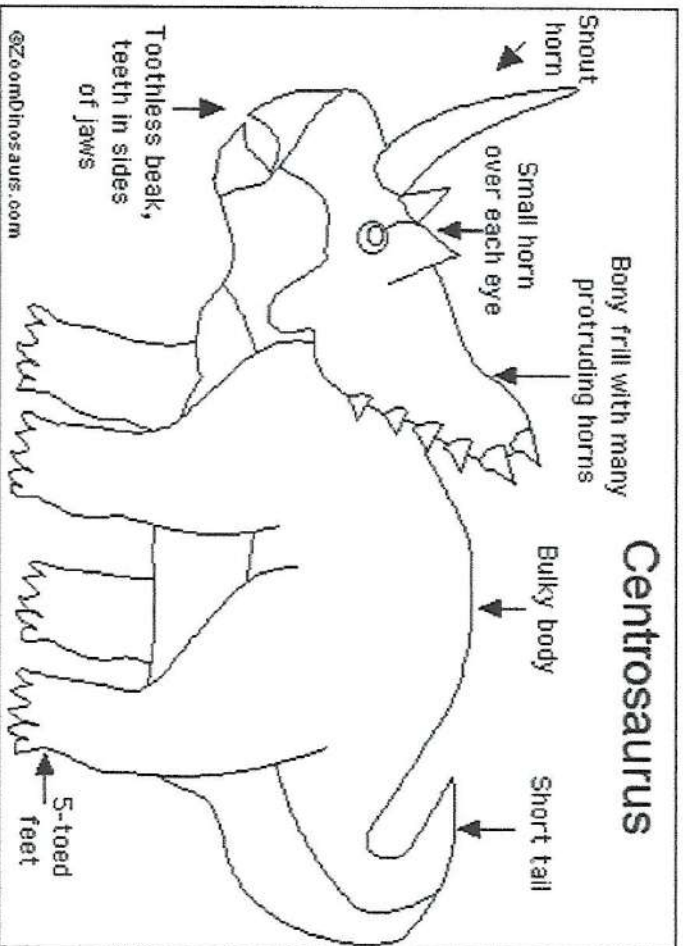
Using the science vocabulary **above**, choose **(3) words** that you would like to make word cards for. The word card will have the word on the front and a picture of the word. On the back of the word card you will write a definition or what the word means. You can use any paper and fold it into four parts. Study your word cards and have someone test you.

Example: Tyrannosaurus Rex



Tyrannosaurus Rex

A large dinosaur with a big head
and sharp teeth having very
short front arms



Centrosaurus was a four-legged plant-eating dinosaur that had many horns on its head. Centrosaurus lived in herds during the late Cretaceous period, roughly 85 million years ago.

Anatomy: This ceratopsian dinosaur had a large, forward-pointing snout horn 18 inches (46 cm) long. The skull was over 3 ft (1 m) long. Its scalloped frill had two hooked spikes near the center. Centrosaurus was about 20 feet (6 m) long, 6 feet (1.8 m) tall, and weighed up to 3 tons.

Diet: Centrosaurus was an herbivore (a plant eater) that ate low-lying plants.

Fossils: Centrosaurus was discovered by paleontologist Lawrence M. Lambe in 1904. Many skulls and skeletons (and a fossilized skin impression) of this ornithischian dinosaur have been found in fossil bonebeds in Alberta, Canada. The type species is *C. apertus*.

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Task #3:

Read the information below about the dinosaur named, "Centrosaurus." On the following page entitled, "Dinosaur Response Sheet," answer the questions using complete sentences to learn all about Centrosaurus.

Name _____

Dinosaur Response Sheet

Date _____

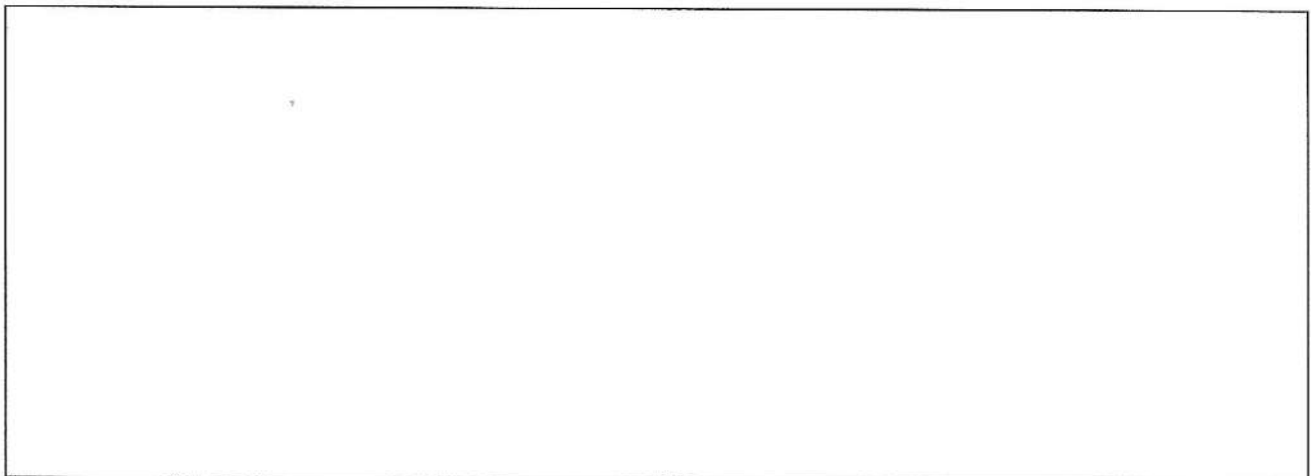
Name the dinosaur: _____

Use a sentence to tell what period in history the dinosaur lived in
(Cretaceous, Jurassic, or Triassic):

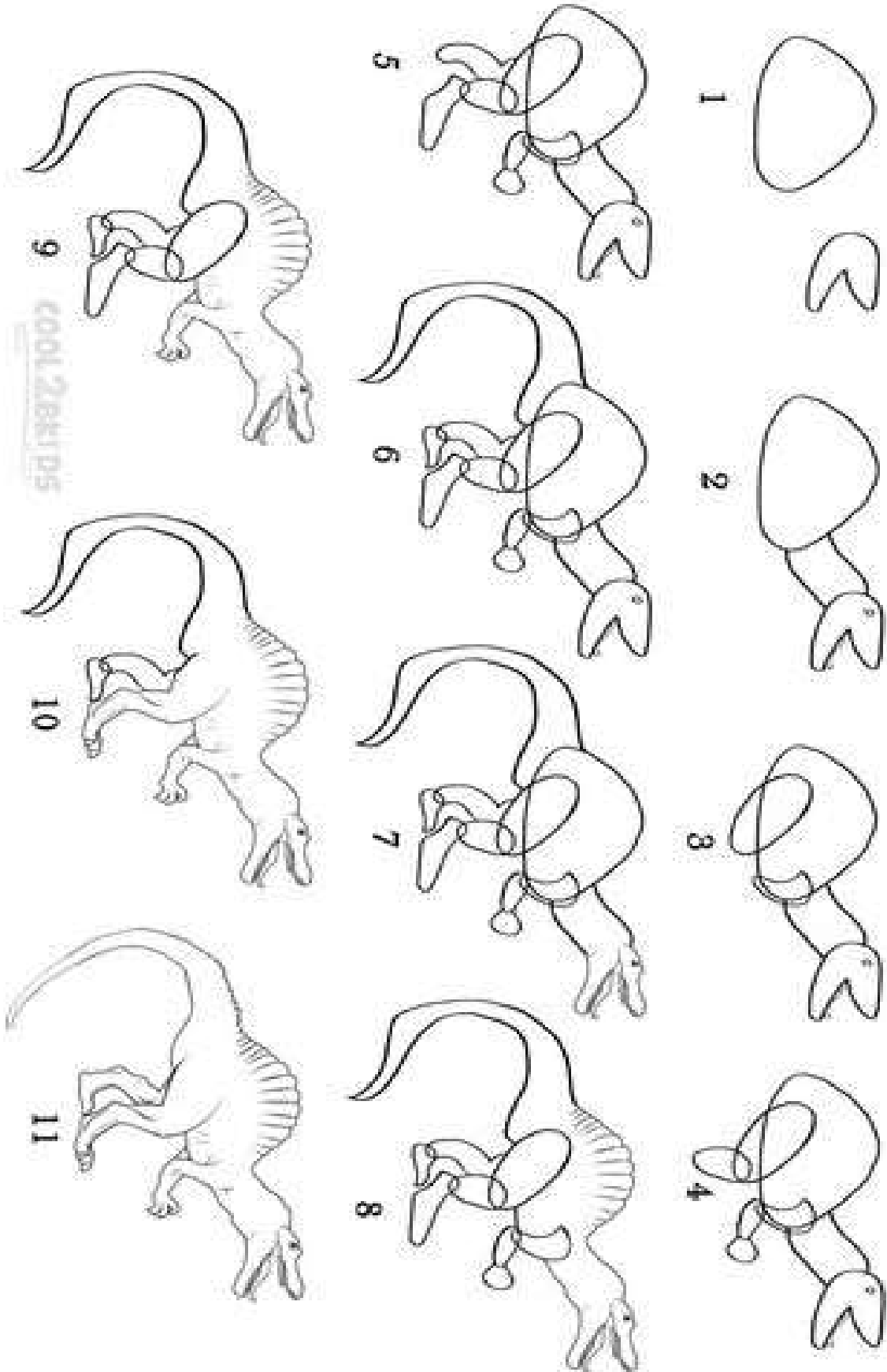
Write a sentence about the dinosaur's diet: (Herbivore, Carnivore, or Omnivore)

Use a sentence with (3) details to describe the dinosaur's anatomy:
(Describe its body)

Draw a picture of your dinosaur and add some background:



Task #4: How to Draw a Different Dinosaur →



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