

BONEY MACARONI

Children pretend to be paleontologists, working in the lab to assemble the bones they just discovered!

Supplies:

Tyrannosaurus skeleton drawing w/labeled bones
(copied onto card stock)

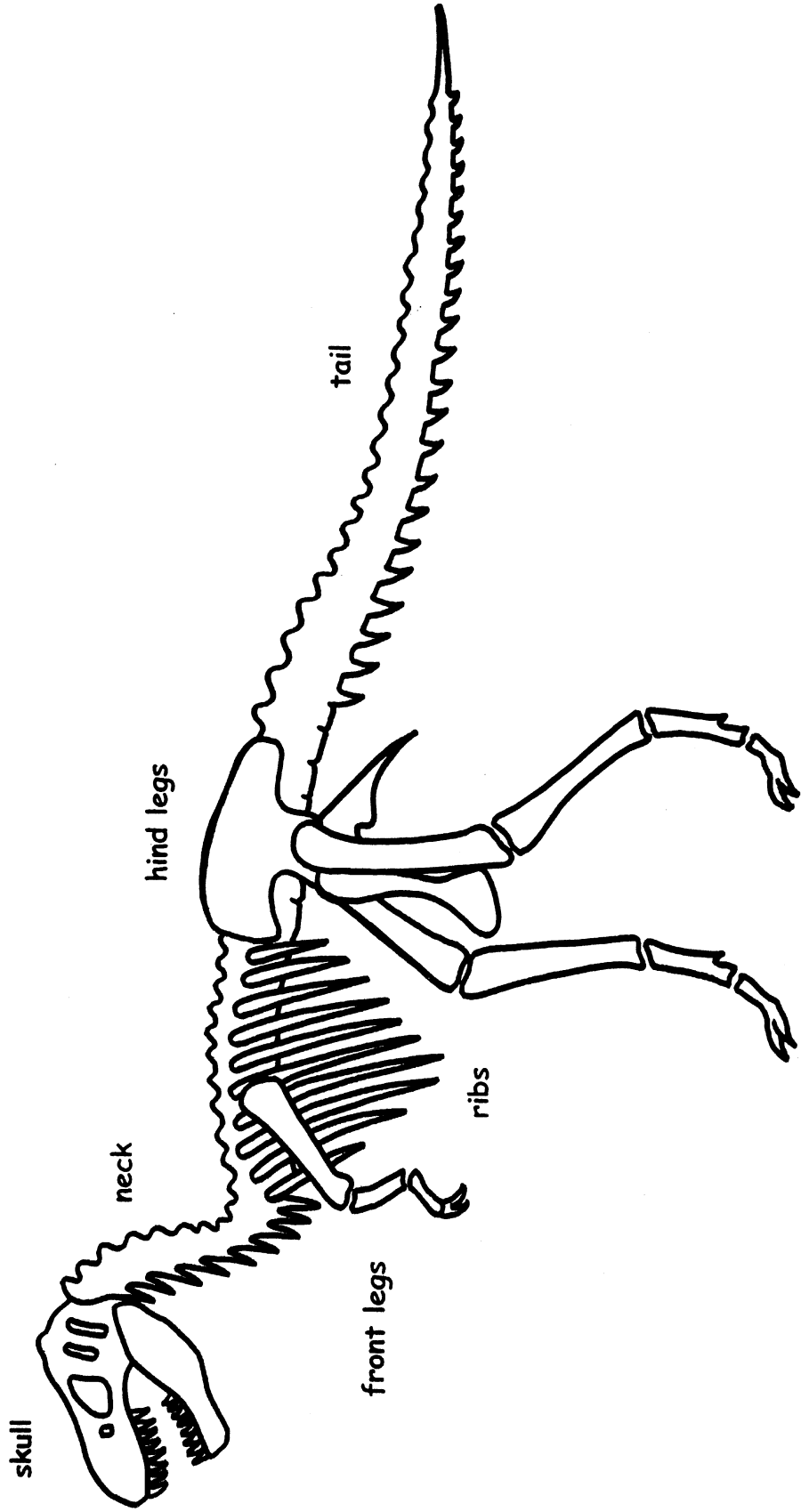
Assorted dry macaroni shapes—suggested: gemelli, pipette, orzo,
large shells, penne, farfalle

Pencils

White glue—in small individual bottles

Paper plates

1. In the center of each table place paper plates of assorted macaroni.
2. Give each child a pencil, glue bottle and copy of the *Tyrannosaurus* skeleton drawing.
3. Assist children in writing their name on their paper.
4. Briefly discuss the types of bones labeled on the drawing. Ask children for examples of macaroni shapes that could be used as ribs, tailbones, legs, etc. There is no correct answer—children are free to be creative!
5. Each child will use the various macaroni shapes to re-assemble a *Tyrannosaurus* skeleton—gluing the "macaroni bones" directly over the drawing.
6. Assembly: Have children trace one bone at a time with a thin thread of glue, and then lay the macaroni on top.
7. Allow to dry flat.



Tyrannosaurus skeleton