



A Visit with Sue

"When do you think we'll get there?"

"How much longer?"

"I can't wait to see Sue!" The kids on the bus were talking at the same time. Everyone was ready for their first visit to meet Sue.

The bus made its way through the crowded streets of Chicago and soon the class could see the water of Lake Michigan. The teacher reminded everyone that Lake Michigan is one of the five Great Lakes. By the time she finished the bus was parked at the Field Museum of Natural History. In a few minutes everyone would meet Sue for the first time.

Even though everyone wanted to run and meet Sue, they walked in a group like they were supposed to inside the museum. Quickly they spied Sue standing there right in the open space on the first floor. The class surrounded her but no one said hello.

Instead, kids began to chatter. "Wow, is Sue big!" "She's so tall!" "How much does she weigh?" These questions didn't hurt Sue's feelings at all. You see, Sue is the name of the famous dinosaur skeleton at the Field Museum.

The class learned that Sue is the skeleton of a T-rex dinosaur, a *Tyrannosaurus rex*. The museum docent explained that Sue is 40 feet long from her nose to her tail and she is twelve feet tall at her hips. Scientists believe Sue was 28 years old when she died.

Sue was discovered in 1990 in South Dakota on the Cheyenne River Indian Reservation. Her skeleton was about 80% complete when it was found. She went on display at the museum in 2000.

After they learned about Sue, the class went to see the fossil remains of other dinosaurs displayed at the museum.