

## ASTRA Preview: Educational and Developmental Toys

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See below for a sampling of Educational and Developmental toys from companies who will be attending this year's ASTRA Marketplace & Academy in Anaheim, Calif.



### [Science on a Fossil Dig](#) by [THE YOUNG SCIENTISTS CLUB](#)

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MSRP: \$15.00

Age Range: 5 and up

Target Age Range: 6 to 8

Specialty: Yes (as of 2011)

Made in: China

SKU or Item #: WH-925-1139

Launch Date: January 2011

Gender: [Boys And Girls](#)

Category: [Science & Nature](#)

[Educational](#)

[General Toys](#)

Wholesale Price: ([Log in to view](#))

Minimum Order: ([Log in to view](#))

Minimum Reorder: ([Log in to view](#))

Dropship Available?: ([Log in to view](#))

Ships From: ([Log in to view](#))

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In this simulation of a real paleontology fossil dig, children dig for a fossilized shark tooth, brachiopod shell, gastropod shell, and "squid" shell. These real, millions of years old fossils are enclosed in a "brick" and are revealed by using the supplied scraping and brush tools (similar to what real paleontologists use). Young paleontologists then take a closer look at these fossils with the enclosed magnifying glass and learn about each fossil using the provided fun fact cards. "This is a unique fossil dig in that there are 4 real fossils embedded in each brick," Esther Novis, president of The Young Scientists Club, told **TDmonthly**. Launch date: January 2011.