



Explore the museum through Science Scoops – Seussisms. Can you identify the subject of these poems inspired by the classic children’s stories?

Fourth Floor (Main Entrance)

Giant, toothy monster, I swim above the door
Please hear my shout, I’m neither fish nor dinosaur!

Fourth Floor (Panorama)

This monster is real and lurks about at night
Black and yellow to warn: there’s venom in its bite!

Hiding in my burrow you might think me meek
If you watch the prairie, you might catch a peek

Crusty, red and bumpy, rashy misery
Oozing, itchy patches, avoid leaves of three

Prowling in which desert, do be sure to practice
You might need to shout “Pinkflower Hedgehog
Cactus!”

Third Floor (Fossil Galleries & Bugtown)

Mighty *Cretoxyrhina*, I thought we were friends
For you it was lunch, for me it was the end

Hark a duck-billed dino calling as it walks
Long and bendy tube head. Hint: think pair o’ socks

Plates of armor to shield us, ah ankylosaur
You are a rare find, a Kansas dinosaur

Pig, sheep or something else? Questions they remain
Hoofed herbivore with a “cookie” in our name

Third Floor (continued)

Short- and, long-necked creatures, swam through
ancient seas
Not the Nessie legend; we’re as real as can be

Brontosaurus was wearing someone else’s head
Now that it’s been fixed, it is called this instead

Find me in the big green tank, fear not if I look dead
If you were my predator, huzzah! You were mislead

Fifth Floor (Explore Evolution)

We’re happy when eating and using our beak
The shape of our bill fits the food that we seek

Finicky female flies force a fellow’s fate
Male mutations make music to match to a mate

Sixth Floor

Mighty marine mammals most massively horned
Their twisted tooth triggered tales of unicorns

Believe in horned beasties? The answer is nope!
Because I’m the cause of the famed jackalope

I used to have billions of friends in my flock
Alas, I’m extinct. You’ll never hear my squawk

You may think that I’m frail but confront me and fail
Don’t let my looks derail, I am a killer snail

Answers: mosasaur, Gila monster, prairie dog, poison ivy, Sonoran Desert, *Xiphactinus*, *Parasaurolophus*, *Silvisaurus*, oreodont (*Merycoiododon*), Plesiosaur, *Apatosaurus*, blue death feigning beetle, finches, Hawaiian fruit flies (*Drosophila*), narwhal, *Papilloma* virus, passenger pigeon, cone snail