

Family Newsletter

More than just fun!

The value of play for children

What is your child's favorite way to play? Play is actually a child's work. Through play, your child is building key life skills. Here are five reasons to play today:

- Children learn how to share and take turns.
- When children play, they boost communication skills. They learn to express feelings, use appropriate language and build social relationships.
- As children play, they encounter many opportunities to problem solve, practice conflict resolution skills and apply logical thinking skills.
- Gross motor play that encourages safe risk-taking, such as climbing, running and jumping, helps enable children to feel more comfortable taking risks in the future.
- When children participate in free play, they have the opportunity to make choices, plan their time and follow through with activities.

THIS MONTH'S THEME

On the Go

This month, your child will explore the fascinating world of transportation. They will design a road, traffic signal and bridge. Your child will explore flight in an airplane, a hot air balloon and a helicopter. Then they'll make a boat and test it in water. They'll count dollars and buy a ticket on the ferry. There are so many ways to go; which one is your family's favorite?

Look for the daily notes about your child's art projects!

Today I made a car.

I gathered nature items, then glued them onto my green car and attached the wheels. I explored rolling my car on different surfaces, then built a town with blocks! I like to drive!



Today I made a tool box.

A tool box holds things like screws, hammers and nails. I used my creativity to decorate a tool box. I can carry it around by its handle and pretend to fix things.



ASK ME: What do you want to put inside your tool box? Did you fix something today?



THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

Letters Dd, Jj & Uu

Shape Triangle

Numbers 5 & 6

Color Yellow

Character Trait Generous

Letter Dd dog, drum & duck

Letter Jj jellyfish, jar & jaguar

Letter Uu umbrella, underwear & unicycle



RECOMMENDED READS

Cuddle Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

Transportation in Many Cultures

by Martha E.H. Rustad

Amazing Airplanes

by Tony Mitton and Ant Parker

If I Built a Car

by Chris Van Dusen

Terrific Trains

by Tony Mitton

Bicycle Book

by Gail Gibbons

Freight Train

by Donald Crews



Driving Along

(Sing to the tune of "Skip to My Lou")

Create more verses together by replacing the action word and type of transportation, then let your child decide where it is going.

**Drive, drive, drive the car,
Drive, drive, drive the car,
Drive, drive, drive the car,
To the supermarket.**

**Fly, fly, fly the plane,
Fly, fly, fly the plane,
Fly, fly, fly the plane,
Fly across the sky.**

Family Activities

Go! Go! Go!

Take a ride around your community together. Find a local map and drive (or ride) down roads that you haven't yet explored.

Compare how it is similar to and different from the road near your home. Look for traffic signs and hunt for the letters of the alphabet.

