

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.

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!



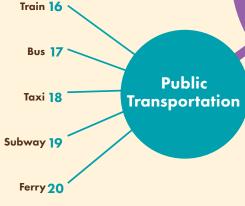


THIS MONTH'S FEATURED CONCEPTS

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

Cudale Up WITH A GOOD BOOK

Transportation in Many Cultures by Martha E.H. Rustad

Amazing Airplanesby Tony Mitton and Ant Parker

If I Built a Car by Chris Van Dusen

Terrific Trainsby 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.

