

Kit theme: TRANSPORTATION

- Book titles included:
  - 1. Chugga-Chugga Choo-Choo by Kevin Lewis
  - 2. What Do Wheels Do All Day? by April Jones Prince
  - **3. Sheep in a Jeep** by Nancy Shaw
  - **4. Clip Clop** by Nicola Smee
  - 5. Who Is Driving? by Leo Timmers
- DVD: Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus
- CD and Book: Duck on a Bike

Additional titles available at the Johnson County Library:

Machines at Work by Byron Barton
Drive by Nathan Clement
Freight Train by Donald Crews
Truck by Donald Crews
A Truck Goes Rattley-Bumpa by Jonathan London
Wheels on the Bus by Raffi
My Friend Rabbit by Eric Rohmann
Rattletrap Car by Phyllis Root
Melvin Might by Jon Scieszka
Train Song by Diane Siebert
Rattle and Rap by Susan Steggall
Farmer Dale's Red Pickup Truck by Cindy Wheeler



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Have Fun With Books Notice Print Talk, Talk, Talk Tell Stories Look for Letters Take Time to Rhyme

### **Activity Ideas – Transportation**

# Can Fly, Can't Fly

Have your children 'fly' around the room as you name things that can fly and things that can't fly, such as planes, butterflies, birds, boats, houses and dogs. When children hear the name of something that can't fly have them slow down and gently 'land' on the ground. Try naming unusual animals or items like lemurs or boulders, pausing to talk about unfamiliar words as necessary. The more words children hear, the larger their vocabulary becomes.

### **Shape Vehicles**

Provide children with circles, rectangles, squares and triangles of various colors and sizes, either pieces of cut paper or blocks that they can put together to make various vehicles. Encourage them to make a variety of vehicles such as cars, planes, buses, rocket ships, boats, and front end loaders. Talk about the shapes they used to construct their creations, before children begin to identify letter, they need to know the names of various shapes.

### Take Time to Sing and Rhyme

Songs and poems help children hear the smaller sounds in words, an important pre-reading skill.

# Traveling, Traveling Song

(tune of *Row Row Row Your Boat*)
Row, row, row your boat,
Gently 'round the lake.
Traveling, traveling on the water,
Boats are what you take

Drive, drive, drive your car, Have a merry cruise. Traveling, traveling on the road, Cars are what you use.

Fly, fly, fly your plane, High up in the air. Traveling, traveling through the sky, Planes will get you there. Chug, chug, chug your train, Chug along the track. Traveling, traveling on the rails, Trains go there and back.

Stamp, stamp, stamp your feet, Stamp them on the ground. Traveling, traveling on your feet, Walk to get around. (from: www.mrsnelsonsclass.com)

Traffic Light Poem (author unknown)
Red light, red light, what do you say?
I say stop! Stop right away.
Yellow light, yellow light, what do you mean?
I mean wait until the light turns green.
Green light, green light, what do you say?
I say go after you look both ways.

You'll find a printable copy of this activity sheet by searching for this kit in our Library's web catalog.

