



“Going Places”

What’s new in our class this week

Through songs, rhymes, and fun activities, we will be learning about

“Going Places”!

This week we will talk about the different types of transportation we can use to get places. We will learn about different words to use to describe the sounds vehicles make, their size and how each travels or moves about.

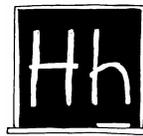
New Songs



“Row, Row, Row Your Boat”

“Do You Like to Ride?”

New Letter



Big “H” and little “h”

Some “H” words we will talk about are
Horse, Hat, Hen and Helicopter!

Letter Talk

“Letter Talk” is what we use to help children learn how to form letters!

Letter Talk for big ‘H’

Straight line down; straight line down; short line across to connect the lines.

Letter Talk for little ‘h’

Straight line down and half way up the line again; curve to the right and down.

Use your finger to draw letters in the palm of your hand or on your hip!

Revisiting the Concept Recalling Details

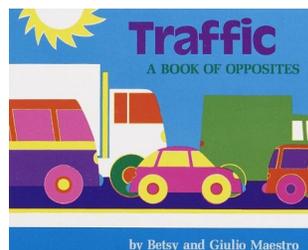
Remembering details is important when learning to read and write. For children to understand stories, they need to recall characters and story lines from books they just read. Recalling the details of how to form letters is important as children begin to write. Also, your child will be more independent as he or she remembers the details of daily routines or other activities.

Revisiting the Book

“Traffic” by Betsy and Giulio Maestro

When we read this book, we will start by finding out how many details the children can remember from the last time we read it. We will ask questions, such as “Who remembers where the little car goes?” When we finish reading the book, we will talk about all the places the little car went.

Remembering details when reading is important so you can tell what has been read. In kindergarten and beyond your child will need to remember much more information to help him or her learn important concepts, such as those from math, social studies, and science.



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Travel

Children enjoy going to new places. Before you take a trip, talk with your child about what you will see and do.

Name the things and people you will look for, such as flowers, animals, fire fighters, or bus riders, in the place you are visiting.

Talk with your child about your safety rules, such as “I want you to hold my hand”, so that the trip will be pleasant and safe.

To help your child learn more about “going places”, you can visit a local train depot, bus stop or airport.



Books related to theme

- “Franklin Rides a Bicycle ” by Paulette Bourgeois
- “Benjy’s Boat Trip” by Margaret Bloy Graham
- “The Bus for Us” by Suzanne Bloom
- “Cars and Trucks and Things that Go” by Richard Scarry
- “The Little Engine that Could” by Watty Piper
- “Mr. Little’s Noisy Plane” by Richard Fowler

Try These Tips at Home

Teach your child about: Recalling Details

- **Let your child read his or her favorite picture book to you.** Your child can do this by recalling the details in the story using the pictures as cues. Pick a book you have read to your child many times, because your child will have many details in the story memorized.
- **Ask your child to tell you 2 or more details about his or her day at school.**

Help your child learn the letters: H and h

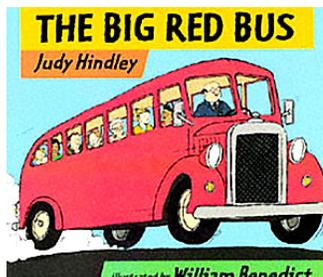
- **While reading with your child, search for words that begin with the letter “H”.**
- **Go on a letter hunt for things that begin with “H”.** For example, “hot”, “house”, and “handle”.

Help your child learn more about: Going Places

- **When traveling around town, talk about the different vehicles you see** (i.e. car, motorcycle, train). You can talk about the different details of each vehicle, like the color, number of wheels, and how many passengers it holds.
- **While running errands, you can talk about where you are going.** “We are going to the laundry mat in the car” or “We will take the bus to the grocery store”.
- **Explain to your child that some vehicles have more than one name.** For example, a “car” can also be called an automobile or vehicle. An “airplane” can also be called a jet or plane.
- **Play a vehicle guessing game.** You will give a letter sound and you child must name the vehicle. You may say “I start with the “T” sound. What am I?” and your child will guess “Train!”

Book Pick: “The Big Red Bus” by Judy Hindley

Illustrated by William Benedict



In this book, the wheel of the big red bus gets stuck in a hole in the road. This creates a traffic jam with cars, vans and motorcycles stuck behind the bus. *Who will help the bus out?* Luckily, a tractor is able to pull the bus out of the hole, so everyone can go on their way. The road crew arrives to fix the hole. This book encourages rhythm and sound effects, along with colorful pictures that engage children.

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