VIRTUAL CHILDCARE PARENT SUPPORT SERVICES

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MEANS OF TRANSPORTATION

HELLO PARENTS,

Transportation is part of our everyday lives. We depend on various means of transportation to move around: walking, biking, driving, taking a bus, train or plane. In some countries people use boats or animals to get to places. Goods that we buy are delivered by trains, trucks, planes or boats. When we go to school, to the store, or to visit family and friends, we use different modes of transportation. In this newsletter, you will find activities related to different ways of transportation.

ACTIVITIES

INFANTS (3 – 18 MONTHS)
LAP SONG: BUMPING UP AND DOWN

MATERIALS:
· Click here for the song "Bumping Up and Down"

DIRECTIONS:
· Put your child on your lap and start singing while bouncing your child gently up and down.
· You can also sing this song while taking your baby for a walk in a stroller or wagon.

Click here for more songs.

TODDLERS (19 MONTHS – 2.5 YEARS)
A CAR WASH

MATERIALS:
· Bucket
· Water hose (optional)
· Soapy water
· Towels
· Sponges
· Different vehicles (toy cars or plastic riding toys)

DIRECTIONS:
· Set up all of the materials outside.
· Encourage your child to use sponges and soapy water to wash their vehicles.
· Washing cars is a great way to get children involved in imaginative play as well as a whole bunch of sensory experiences.

Click here for more activities.

PRESCHOOLERS (2.5 – 5 YEARS)
TRANSPORTATION MOVEMENT GAME

DIRECTIONS:
· Call out the types of transportation, demonstrate them and let your child follow along with their version.
· Pretend with your child to be different vehicles and vessels: a big truck, honking a horn and rumbling; an airplane flying up high; a boat bobbing up and down on the water; or a train chugging along and whistling.
· Take turns guessing what means of transportation you demonstrate.

Click here to read the book "Subway Ride" by Heather Lynne Miller.

Click here for more activities.

JK/SK (4 – 6 YEARS)
CARDBOARD ROCKET

MATERIALS:
· Cardboard tube (Paper towel roll)
· Scissors
· Paper
· Markers or crayons
· Glue or tape

DIRECTIONS:
· Cut a strip of paper that is the same height as the cardboard tube, cover the paper in glue and wrap it around the tube. This will form the body of the space rocket.
· Cut a large semi-circle out of paper, fold it into a cone and glue in place, and then stick the cone to the top of the rocket body.
· Cut three rocket 'leg' shapes out of another piece of paper and stick them to the bottom of the rocket. It should now stand up on its own.
· Draw windows and a door on the rocket.

Click here for the instruction of Flying Rocket Ship.

Click here to listen to the song "Zoom Zoom Zoom, We're Going to the Moon".

SCHOOL-AGERS (6 – 12 YEARS)
TRANSPORTATION MOBILE

MATERIALS:
· String or yarn
· Coat hangers
· Thick paper
· Markers or crayons
· Scissors
· Hole punch (optional)

DIRECTIONS:
· Create drawings of various modes of transportation on thick paper.
· Decorate the pictures with markers or crayons.
· Cut out the pictures and put them together in a mobile.
· Punch holes in the pictures and hang them from a coat hanger with yarn.
· Have your child write facts on the back of each of their modes of transportation like trucks deliver newspapers; people travel on airplanes etc.

Click here to read the book "Let's Go" by Lizann Flatt.

Click here for virtual trip of St. Louis national museum of transportation.

WE WOULD LIKE TO HEAR FROM YOU!
PLEASE, SEND US YOUR FEEDBACK, COMMENTS OR SUGGESTIONS TO CHILDCAREMAIN@NCCE1.ORG

A TIP FOR TODAY
· Talk with your child about how people reach their destinations (school bus, ferry boat, car, etc.).
· Look at travel magazines and wonder together how people get there.
· Discuss how the mail travels from where it was sent to its destination.