



Unit 2: My Community

Week 8: Next Stop...



LENGTH OF AT-HOME ACTIVITY: 10 to 15 minutes

YOU'LL NEED: The book *Road Work Ahead* by Anastasia Suen and Jannie Ho and a pencil or crayon

ACTIVITY STEPS:

TALK about the book *Road Work Ahead* with your preschooler and what you learned last week when you read the book.

SING "The Wheels On The Bus" with your preschooler!

The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round,
'Round and 'round,
'Round and 'round.
The wheels on the bus go 'round and 'round,
All through the town.

The doors on the bus go *open and shut*
The driver on the bus says, "Move on back"
The wipers on the bus go *swish, swish, swish*
The people on the bus go *up and down*
The baby on the bus cries "Wah, wah, wah"
The parents on the bus go "Shh, shh, shh"

READ *Road Work Ahead* with your child. Sit in a comfy spot together and HAVE FUN!

FIND familiar letters and/or words on the pages of the book. Allow your preschooler to find the ones he or she recognizes. Then, take some time to define words that are new to your preschooler. Try these words:

road work
jackhammer
flagger

trim
detour
concrete

PRETEND with your preschooler. Where would you go if you could get in the car and go somewhere right now? How long do you think it would take to get there? What would you bring with you?

SUMMARIZE the story with your child to help him or her remember what happened. For example, you can say, "This story was about a little boy going to visit his grandmother. The little boy's family drove in the car to their grandmother's house, but it was a slow drive because of road work."

CONNECT the story to your child's life. Have you and your preschooler ever been on a road trip? Talk about it together. Remind him or her where you went and what you saw together. Ask him or her about favorite places or memories.

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITY: Help your preschooler pretend to be a train! Chug around your home making different stops in each room. Teach your preschooler phrases such as, "All aboard!", "Next stop, the kitchen!", "The train is leaving the station!" and "Ticket, please!"

WRITING EXTENSION: Using the back of this sheet, help your preschooler make a basic map of the places that he or she frequently goes, and label the map. Let your preschooler draw pictures of the places and cars on the road.