



# CARS AND BUSES

## PARENTS HANDOUT



### CIRCLE TIME

#### **THE WHEELS ON THE BUS** Tune: Traditional

*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.*

Add verses, children go up and down, door goes open and shut, and wipers go swish, swish, swish.

#### **I, SPY** Rhythmic Chant

*Where is a red car?  
I spy a red car.  
Red car, red car,  
Beep, beep, beep.*

Passout squeak toys to children.  
Add verses for other colors.

#### **RUSH HOUR** Group Movement Activity

Children and parents motor around the room pretending to drive with plastic plate “steering wheels.”

Pass out plastic plates to children.  
Play cityscape background music.

### CREATIVE PLAY STATIONS

Free play with theme puzzles, playdoh, wooden block town and bubbles

#### **CAR WASH** Messy Play

Children and parents play together at a sensory table filled with water and toy cars. Provide sponges, brushes and pieces of chamois for children to use to wash the cars. Add spray bottles.

#### **WHEEL PAINTING** Creative Play

Children dip wheels of toy cars in primary colored paint and roll them on white construction paper making tire tracks. Imitate horizontal strokes. Label with child’s name and take home.


#### **BUS STOP** Communication/Pretend Play

Children and parents roll toy cars and school buses along a tape road. Stop and pick up toy people. Use the words “stop”, “go,” “fast,” and “slow.”


#### **PARKING GARAGE** Active Play

Children push cars up ramps and let them roll down. Provide cardboard boxes for garages.

### SNACK TIME

 Cheese slice “car” with round cracker “wheels” and water bottle

### HOME PLAY

 Take your child on a walk. Point out cars and buses.

**Praise your child. Hug, kiss, smile, and say, “Excellent!”**

### TEN THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS

 Interaction  Loving Touch  Stable Relationship  Safety and Health  Self Esteem  Quality Child Care  Communication  Play  Music  Reading