

# TRUCKS

## PARENT HANDOUT

### CIRCLE TIME

#### **THE TRUCK SONG** Tune: "The Mulberry Bush"

*The garbage truck picks up the trash,  
Up the trash, up the trash.  
The garbage truck picks up the trash,  
And leaves an empty can.*

Pass out mini garbage cans filled with crumpled newspaper.  
Children dump newspaper into a passing toy truck.

#### **BIG TRUCK, LITTLE TRUCK** Rhythmic Chant

*Big truck, big truck, how do you go?  
Forward, backward, fast or slow.  
Little truck, little truck, how do you go?  
Forward, backward, fast or slow.*

Pass out keys on a key ring. Shake keys to rhyme.

#### **TEST DRIVE** Group Movement Activity

Children and parents pretend to drive around obstacles. Use orange construction cones, wedges, and "speed bumps."

Play country background music.

### CREATIVE PLAY STATIONS

Free play with theme puzzles, playdoh, roadway blocks y bubbles

#### **CONSTRUCTION SITE** Messy Play

Children and parents play together at a sensory table filled with gravel. Provide toy dump trucks and plastic shovels.

#### **MAP IT OUT** Creative Play

Children scribble on road maps using highlighter pens. Label with child's name and take home.


#### **MOVING DAY** Communication/Pretend Play

Children and parents put doll house furniture in trucks and push around the room. Stop at the doll house and unload the furniture. Use the words "in" and "out."

#### **LOADING DOCK** Active Play


Children and parents work together and "load" and "unload" milk containers in plastic crates. Fill empty jugs with varying amounts of water.

### SNACK TIME

 Cheese slice "truck" with round cracker "wheels" and juice.

### HOME PLAY

**Praise your child. Hug, kiss, smile, and say, "Keep On Truckin!"**

 Take your child on a walk. Point out different kinds of trucks. Look for dump trucks, delivery trucks and mail trucks.

### TEN THINGS EVERY CHILD NEEDS

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