



Dear Caregivers:

Today we used some of these books, fingerplays, and other materials in our storytime. Please continue helping your child develop by sharing these at home!

# VACATION/TRAVEL

## LETTER OF THE DAY

V v

## BOOKS TO SHARE

*Vacation For Dexter!*  
by Lindsay Ward

*Harry And Clare's Amazing Staycation*  
by Ted Staunton

*Duck's Vacation*  
by Gilad Soffer

*Bunnies On The Go: Getting From Place To Place*  
by Rick Walton

*Katie Takes A Plane*  
by Liesbet Slegers

*Maisy Goes On A Plane*  
by Lucy Cousins

*Flight 1-2-3*  
by Maria Van Lieshout

*Chugga Chugga Choo Choo*  
by Emma Garcia

*Buddy And Earl Go Exploring*  
by Maureen Fergus

*Pete The Cat's Train Trip*  
by James Dean

*Trains Go*  
by Steve Light

*Mr. Postmouse Takes A Trip*  
by Marianne Dubuc

## FUN WITH FINGERPLAYS AND SONGS

**I'm A Little Airplane**  
[Tune: "I'm A Little Teapot"]

[mimic flying with arms outstretched]

I'm a little airplane, way up high,  
With my great big silver wings, watch me fly!  
When the pilot tells me, I'll come down,  
Swooping and gliding, to the ground.

**Choo-Choo Train**  
[Tune: "Jingle Bells"]

Choo-choo train, choo-choo train,  
Chugging down the track.  
Taking people here and there,  
Clickity, clickity clack!  
Chug along, ring the bell,  
Watch it go, go, go.  
Chugging, chugging, down the track,  
Hear the whistle blow!

**The Wheels On The Bus**  
[Tune: "The Wheels On The Bus"]

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 day long.

[Verses: *airplanes in the sky go zoom, zoom, zoom; train on the tracks goes clack, clack, clack*]

## ASL SIGN OF THE DAY

"Travel"



The dominant hand is in a "bent-v" handshape. Move dominant hand in one big arching movement. The movement is forward and to left.

## MORE FUN!

### Transportation Song

**[Tune: "Bumping Up and Down In My Little Red Wagon"]**

Driving down the road in my little red car,  
Driving down the road in my little red car,  
Driving down the road in my little red car,  
Let's drive off together!

**[Verses: flying through the sky in my little white airplane; racing through the water in my little blue speedboat]**

### Zoom Down The Highway

Zoom down the highway  
Zoom down the highway  
Zoom down the highway  
Fast!

Up goes the drawbridge  
Up goes the drawbridge  
Up goes the drawbridge  
The ship is going past.  
Down goes the drawbridge  
Down goes the drawbridge  
Down goes the drawbridge  
The ship has past at last.  
Zoom down the highway  
Zoom down the highway  
Zoom down the highway  
Fast!

**"Leaving On A Jet Plane" by John Denver (1966)**

**"Life Is A Highway" by Tom Cochrane (1991)**

### Making A Map

#### Materials:

Paper  
Pencils/markers  
(Optional) Examples of real maps

Explain the basics of what a map is and what it is used for to your child(ren). You can also talk with them about how specific symbols are often used for common natural and manmade landmarks.

***This activity is a great way to introduce basic spatial and geographic concepts.***

Your child(ren) can map familiar places like their room, or use common map symbols to create a map of a completely imaginary location!



It may not be financially or practically possible to go on a real trip to some exotic destination . . . never fear, this isn't the only way to have some vacation fun.

Act the tourist in your own neighborhood: take a different route to school, visit a park you haven't tried before, or have a campout in the living room!

Can you and your child(ren) think of any other words that begin with the letter 'V'? This is a tough one . . . feel free to break out the dictionary and learn some new words together.

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