DIY STORYTIME

THEME: TRAINS

Here are some ideas and activities to try this week with your child. These five practices are designed to help your child develop literacy skills, engage your child, and enhance the bonds between you.

READ
Shark Vs. Train by Chris Barton
Stanley’s Train by William Bee
Two Little Trains by Margaret Wise Brown
Freight Train by Donald Crews
All aboard the Moonlight Train by Kristyn Crow
Snakes on a Train by Kathryn Dennis
Trains Run! by George Ella Lyon and Benn Lyon
Steam Train, Dream Train by Sherri Duskey Rinker
All aboard! by Sonia Sander
Trucker and Train by Hannah Stark
I Love Trains! by Philemon Sturges

SING
The Wheels On the Train
Sung to the tune of "The Wheels on the Bus"

The wheels on the train go clickety-clack,
Clickety-clack, clickety-clack.
The wheels on the train go clickety-clack,
All along the track!
(Roll both fists forward in a circular motion)

The station master shouts "All aboard!"
(Raise hands to mouth in a shouting motion)

The whistle on the train goes "Choo-choo-choo!"
(Pull one arm down in a honking motion)

TALK
Talk about your experiences with trains. Have you ever seen one before? Have you ever ridden one? If so, how did it feel when it’s moving? Have you ever thought about what it’s like to be a train conductor?

WRITE
Draw a train track on a piece of paper and then follow the track with a toy train, car, or anything else with wheels.

PLAY
Play a train memory game! Print and cut out the train cars on the following pages. Shuffle all of the cards and place them facedown on the floor. Players take turns choosing two cards at a time (trying to find two cards that are exactly the same). Play until all the matching pairs have been found. For younger players, place all the cards face up and work together to find the matching pairs.