

Themes

All Aboard!

Choo choo! Climb aboard to learn all about trains. In this theme, children will discover the parts of a train, types of trains, railroad tracks, train stations, and the role of the conductor.

Making Memories

Enjoy this winter season by making joyous memories together. This theme will cover baking, family traditions and celebrations, and all the sights and symbols associated with December. Reflect on the current year together, and make goals for the new one!

Color/ Shape



Letters

Jj, Kk, Ll

Numbers

9-10

Alphabet Words

jar, jug, jacket, jet,
 kangaroo, key, kettle, kazoo,
 lion, lemons, lamp, lock

Sign Language



Learn with Me!

Trains

Do you live near a train station or have to travel over tracks during your daily commute? Discuss trains and the train system with your child. What kind of cargo are the cars carrying? From where are the trains coming and where are they going? If possible, visit a depot or museum with antique train cars or memorabilia.

My Memories

Consider different ways that you record memories with your child. You might have pictures displayed in your home, stored in albums, or saved on devices. Talk with your child about pictures that capture special moments and memories.

My Project: Conductor's Hat

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Name the letters in my name.
- Talk about a train conductor's job.
- Have my stuffed animals take turns wearing the hat so they can be conductors too!



My Project: Starry Sponge Prints

When I bring this project home, we can:

- Count the stars and name their colors.
- Talk about how I made the star shape with a sponge and paint.
- Look for stars in the sky at night.



FAMILY CONNECTION

Book List

The Cookie Book of Colors

by Holly Fox

Also
by E.B. Goodale

Good Night, Little Engine
by Janet Lawler

Trains Run!
by George Ella Lyon

In a Jar
by Deborah Marcero

Steam Train, Dream Train

by Sherri Duskey Rinker

Almost Time
by Gary D. Schmidt

Trains Then and Now

by Scarlett Wing

Songs & Rhymes

Down by the Station

Down by the station early in the morning,
See the little pufferbellies all in a row.
See the engine driver pull the little handle,
Puff, puff! Toot, toot!
Off we go.

Do You Know It's Winter?

Sung to “I’m a Little Teapot”

Do you know it's winter?
A chill is in the air!
Frost on the windows;
Snowflakes in my hair!

Do you know it's winter?
Hear the sleigh bells chime!
Can you think of anything
As fun as wintertime?

Recipe

Spiced Playdough

1 cup flour
3 T. each of ground cloves, allspice,
cinnamon and ginger
½ cup salt
2 tsp. cream of tartar
1 cup water
1 tsp. vegetable oil



Mix dry ingredients together in a large bowl. Add the oil and water to the dry ingredients and mix. Dump the mixture into a large pot. Stir for two to three minutes while cooking over medium heat. Let cool. Roll out flat, and use with cookie cutters.

Reminders

This image shows a single sheet of white paper with horizontal blue or grey ruling lines. The lines are evenly spaced and run across the width of the page. There are approximately 20 lines visible. The paper has a slightly textured appearance and is set against a dark background.