**Songs & Fingerplays**

**Airplanes Fly in the Sky**
Airplanes fly in the sky, zoom zoom! [zoom hand around]
Airplanes fly in the sky, zoom zoom! [zoom hand around]
Round and round the airplanes go [arm circles around]
Flying high, flying low [arm circles up high, then down low]
Shhh... I think I hear one [finger to lips, then cup ear]
ZOOM!
[zoom arm from one side to the other]

**Bicycle**
I have a little bicycle [hold hands together for little]
I ride it to and fro [roll hands]
And when I see that big green light I know it's time to go! [pedal in the air fast]
I have a little bicycle [hold hands together for little]
I took it to the shop [roll hands]
And when I see that big red light I know it's time to STOP! [freeze]

**Green Says Go!**
Green says, “Go!” [march quickly]
Go! Go! Go!
Yellow says, “Slow!” [march slowly]
Slow...slow...slow
And red says, “Stop!” [stop and freeze]
Go! Go! Go! [march fast]
Slow...slow...slow [march slowly]
And STOP! [stop]

**I Can Travel**
tune: Twinkle, Twinkle, Little Star
I can travel near or far, on a plane or in a car.
By myself or with a friend, fun adventures never end.
I can travel near or far, on a plane or in a car.

**Theme: Off We Go!**

**Books to Share**

Are you ready to head off on an adventure? Before we start, we must decide which vehicle to take us on this adventure. Luckily, this month, we have the perfect books, rhymes, and songs to help with this selection! **This Old Van** follows along with two grandparents, who take off in their retro van for a journey across the USA and take a spin on the classic song, This Old Man. In **Ride Beside Me**, we venture onto bicycles with a child and mom who take a trip closer to home and meet people in their neighborhood. **Animals Go VROOM!** is a part-guessing game with lots of surprises. And don’t forget to make the library part of your adventures by signing up for Summer Reading Adventure, which runs through August 17th!

**Animals Go VROOM!** by Abi Cushman
**Ride Beside Me** by Lucy Knisley
**It’s Vacation Time** by Lerryn Korda
**Planes Fly!** by George Ella Lyon
**This Old Van** by Kim Norman
**Let’s Go for a Drive!** by Mo Willems

**Nursery Rhyme:** The Grand Old Duke of York
**Music:** “Drivin’ in My Car” from Ralph’s World by Ralph’s World

Looking for more book ideas? Check these out!

Thank you for a great 2023-24 programming year!
Book of the Month from the Parent Teacher Collection

*A Taste of the World* by Rowena Scherer PTC 641.5123 SCH

Take a culinary trip around the world from the comfort of your very own kitchen! From the founder of Eat2Explore, *A Taste of the World* celebrates recipes worldwide, specially curated for families with children of all ages. Each recipe includes step-by-step instructions that allow adults to have children help with the preparation. Recipes include Pork Katsu from Japan, Vegetable Korma from India, Lamb Kebabs from Morocco, Black Bean Enchiladas from Mexico, and many more delicious meals. Country facts and illustrations of country landmarks further the learning and make for a fun experience for all!

Try a Fun Activity

**Painting with Toy Cars**
- Assorted Washable Paint
- Poster Board or Cardboard
- Toy Cars or Trucks
- Duct Tape (optional)

This activity is best outside, where children do not need to worry about keeping the cars on poster board or cardboard.

1. Tape down the poster board or cardboard on a sidewalk or table outside.
2. Place several dots of paint onto the poster board. Adding a variety of colors provides more opportunities to mix the paint colors.
3. Let your child have fun driving the cars/trucks through the paint.
4. As a bonus, set up a plastic tub with soapy water and a sponge to act as a car washing station. Have your child help with cleanup and scrub the cars and trucks clean!

https://www.kidskubby.com/painting-with-cars/

More Rhymes

**I’m Driving In My Car**
I’m driving in my car; I’m driving in my car.
Beep, Beep, Toot Toot
I’m driving in my car.

I’m driving very fast; I’m driving very fast.
Beep, Beep, Toot Toot
I’m driving very fast.

I’m driving very slow, I’m driving very slow.
Beep, Beep, Toot Toot
I’m driving very slow.

The lights have turned red. The lights have turned red,
Beep, Beep, Toot Toot
So I must stop the car.

The lights have turned green. The lights have turned green,
Beep, Beep, Toot Toot
So I can drive again.

**Riding**

[roll hands] Riding on my bike today
Pedal, pedal all the way.
Pedal fast and pedal slow.
Riding on my bike, I go.

[fly around the room] In an airplane, I fly
Up, up, up into the sky
Up, up, up, so very high
In an airplane, I fly.

[rock side to side] Riding in a car, I go
Rocking, rocking, to and fro
Side to side and to and fro
Riding in a car, I go.

Summer Reading 2024—Adventure Begins at Your Library!

Thank you for sharing the year with us! We hope to see you at the library this summer and continue to nurture your child’s love of reading. Our Summer Reading Adventure features a challenge for our pre-readers. Parents, grandparents, siblings, and caregivers are encouraged to read to children Birth—Pre-K. After sharing 25 books, the child receives a book and a certificate. Plus, we have many fun guest presenters and programs planned all summer long!

Mark your calendar and visit your local branch of the Harford County Public Library to sign up or register online or any Harford County library branch beginning on June 1.

Questions or suggestions?
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