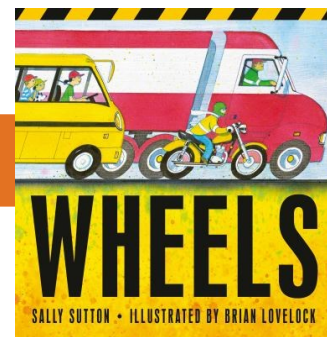


# TAKE-HOME FUN!

Early Literacy Tips, Activities & More



## tales' tip

Allowing children to use materials like crayons, paper, cardboard, scissors, glue, tape, and stickers gives them the opportunity to see how the materials work and what they can do with them. Using craft materials is one of the best ways to strengthen their small motor skills (hand and finger muscles) to be ready to **WRITE** in school and be problem solvers!

Adapted from Every Child Ready to Read Cards

## activity

### Trash to treasures!

Using odds and ends from around the house and a glue stick is one of the best ways to encourage children to be creative! They can make anything, from cars and train tracks to 3D objects and sculptures. All these activities develop your child's hand muscles, which helps them be ready to write.

## digital fun

Use the QR code or this [link](#) to watch a video about different types of transportation! Talk about which kinds we use in our community.



## READ

[The Bus Stop](#) by Janet Stoeke

[The Wheels on the...Oh-Oh!](#)  
by Sue Tarsky

[Maisy Drives the Bus](#)  
by Lucy Cousins

[Stanley's Garage](#)  
by William Bee

## PLAY

Playing train station is easy and fun! Place chairs in a line and take turns playing conductor. Use small pieces of paper and a hole punch for tickets and make train noises, too! Pretend play is essential for a child's understanding of the world around them.

## TALK

When we talk about different types of transportation with our children, it encourages vocabulary development. Have a conversation about which kinds they have experienced (car or bus) and which one they would like to try, like a boat or train!

## SING

**The Stoplight Song**  
(To the tune of:  
I'm a Little Teapot)

Red means stop and  
Green means go,  
Yellow be careful,  
You need to go slow!  
Keep your eye on the light,  
It will tell you what is right.

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## WRITE

Encourage your child to draw a picture or make a creation with craft materials. You can then write their story for them as they explain it to you. By doing this, you are showing them that their ideas are valuable and that they can be an author.