## **Books**

Boats: Speeding! Sailing! Cruising! By Patricia Hubbell

Planes Fly
By George Ella Lyon

Machines At Work
By Byron Barton

I Stink! By Kate McMullan

Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus By Mo Willems

Cool Cars
By Tony Mitton

# Toys

Puzzle

# **Fingerplays**

#### The Wheels On The Bus...

The wheels on the bus go round and round,

(move hands in circular motion) Round, and round, round and round.

The wheels on the bus go round and round,

All around the town.

(extend arms up and out)
The people on the bus go up and down. (stand up, sit down)
The horn on the bus goes
'beep,beep,beep'. (hand press horn)

The money on the bus goes 'clink,clink,clink'. (hand motion)
The driver on the bus says, 'Move on back.' (thumb back)
The baby on the bus goes, 'Wah wah wah' (rub eyes)
The windshield wipers go 'swish, swish, swish.'(hands move up, up, up, down, down, down; arms up and down)

# **Action Rhymes**

# **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)

# The Airplane

The airplane has big wide wings (stretch out arms)

It's propeller spins around and sings (make one arm go)

The airplane goes up in the sky (lift arms up and down, spin around in a circle)

Then down it goes just to see it fly VVVVVVVVVVVVVVVVV (make sound)

Over every housetop in our town! VVVVVVVVVVVVVVV (make sound and fly around)





# **Ten Dump Trucks**

Ten dump trucks all in a row. All filled with something and a place to go.

(Child's name) truck is filled with\_\_\_\_, that's fine, and now there's only nine.

Nine dump trucks all in a row. All filled with something and a place to go.

(Another child's) truck is filled with\_\_\_\_, that's great, and now there's only eight.

Eight dump trucks...oh heaven and now there's only seven.

Seven dump trucks...what a mix and now there's only six!

Six dump trucks...are they alive? And now there's only five.

Five dump trucks ...ready to pour and now there's only four.

Four dump trucks...could it be? And now there's only three.

Three dump trucks ...what to do and now there's only two.

Two dump trucks ...weighing a ton and now there's only one.

One dump truck ...oh what fun and now there is none.

# **Art Projects**

#### Tire-track pictures

Supplies: paint sponges, large paper, variety of toy vehicles w/tires (rubber works best). Have children 'drive' the vehicles through the paint, and then 'drive' the vehicles all over their papers.

# Songs

## **Dump Truck**

(to the tune of "Ten Little Indians")

Bumpity bumpity goes the dump truck,

Bumpity bumpity goes the dump truck.

Bumpity bumpity goes the dump truck.

Dump it all on the ground.

Have children hop up and down during 'bumpity bumpity', then mime dumping the load.

# She'll Be Coming 'Round the Mountain

She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes, (when she comes).

She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes, (when she comes).

She'll be coming 'round the mountain, she'll be coming 'round the mountain,

She'll be coming 'round the mountain when she comes, (when she comes).

#### Additional verses:

She'll be driving six white horses when she comes, etc.

She'll be wearing pink pajamas when she comes, etc.

Oh we'll all come out to meet her when she comes, etc.

She'll be carrying three white puppies when she comes, etc.

We will kill the old red rooster when she comes, etc.

We will all have chicken and dumplings when she comes, etc.

## Science & Math

## Ramp Speed

Gravity may seem like a cruel thing as people age, but it can be a fascinating lesson for a preschooler.

Set up two ramps using two boards and some blocks to elevate one end. Elevate one ramp more than the other, but make sure both ramps are the same length. Have children set up one of the cars at the top of each ramp. Now it's time to let go and see what happens.

As the cars race down the ramp, the one on the steeper incline will accelerate at a greater rate because of gravity, making it reach the end of the ramp first. Try out the activity by rolling two balls down the ramps and any other object he/she wants to try.

## **Early Literacy Take Home:**

Encourage your child to draw and write by allowing access to pencils, crayons, markers, chalk, and a variety of paper. Activities to develop the muscle strength needed to be able to write successfully include: playing with play dough, tearing and crumpling paper, scooping and pouring, using Lego blocks, sticking stickers, and using tongs. Help your child send a letter or write an important list.

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