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Play is the only way the highest intelligence of humankind can unfold.

Joseph Chilton Pearce

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Sheep in a Jeep by Nancy Shaw

Sheep in a Jeep is a highly entertaining story with vivid illustrations that's engaging and rhyming.

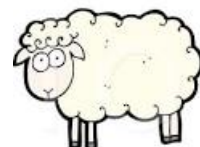
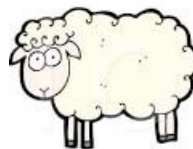
Ages: 0 to 3 Years

Explore the Book Ideas:

- Look at the cover of the book together. Ask the children what they see. Encourage children to notice the wheels off the ground and talk about what that may mean.
- Vocabulary: This story may introduce several new words to your children. Talk about them.
- Read with lots of expression... there's a lot of calamity going on in this story!
- Ask children to chime in when you read the words "Yelp," "Weep," "Cheer," etc.

Playful Activity Ideas:

- 1) How many fit? Make your own red jeep out of a cardboard box and ask the children to see how many kids will fit in their "Jeep."
Supplies you need to provide: cardboard box, crayons, markers
- 2) Sheep sensory kit: Explore what real sheep's wool feels like and the different kinds of objects wool is used to make.
Kit Supplies: baggie of sheep's wool, samples of woolen objects
- 3) Play the Animals Driving game. Vroom, vroom! Animals are driving in circles. Arrange the game tiles by colors or as a mix of colors. When the tiles are turned over, the animals all sit in a big bus where there's a lot of jostling!
Kit Supplies: animals driving game





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It is paradoxical that many educators and parents still differentiate between a time for learning and a time for play without seeing the vital connection between them.
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My Truck Is Stuck! by Kevin Lewis and Daniel Kirk

My Truck is Stuck! features rhyming text and bright illustrations enticing young children to find out just how stuck one big red dump truck can get. As more and more passerby travelers pitch in to help out, readers will appreciate the subtle plot twists and counting lessons.

Ages: 0 to 3 years

Explore the Book Ideas:

- Look at the cover of the book together. Ask the children what they see. Encourage children to notice how much of the wheel is showing and talk about what that might mean.
- Taking on challenges often involve asking for help. Stress to the children that it is important to be able to ask for help when you need it. You could comment, "That was a good idea for the truck driver to ask for help."

Playful Activity Ideas:

1) Play "It's Stuck!" Put toy trucks into roads of play-dough to make them stuck and unstuck.

Kit Supplies: Toy trucks, play-dough





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Play keeps us vital and alive. It gives us an enthusiasm for life that is irreplaceable. Without it, life just doesn't taste good
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Roadwork by Sally Stuton

Roadwork tells the story of all the work it takes to build a road. From clearing away the earth to rolling out the tar and putting up the lights, there's plenty to do – and lots of noise to be made!

Explore the Book Ideas:

Ages: 0 to 3 years

- Emphasize all the different sounds in the story. Make the sounds and have the children repeat after you.
- Talk about new vocabulary and what the words mean, i.e., hoist, seal, lug

Playful Activity Ideas:

- 1) Act out the story with the children wearing construction hats and pretending to do the actions on each page. For example, "hammer in the marking pegs" means children could pretend to hammer sticks into the ground. Show the pictures of the action before you ask children to do it.

Kit Supplies: Construction helmets

- 2) Make a town by drawing roads onto the map. Once you have your roads drawn out, you can drive matchbox cars through your new town!

Kit Supplies: laminated map, dry erase markers, matchbox cars

- 3) If the weather allows, build roads in the sand or use chalk to create roads in drive ways or sidewalks.

Kit Supplies: sidewalk chalk





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Play is the beginning of knowledge.
George Dorsey

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Freight Train by Donald Crews

Freight Train is a bilingual edition of the classic Caldecott Honor Book for the youngest child who is inspired by this story to count the cars, name the colors, and think about where the train might be going.

Ages: 0 to 6 years

Explore the Book Ideas:

- Have children identify the colors of each car in both English and Spanish.
- Talk about what experiences children have had with watching or riding on trains.

Playful Activity Ideas:

- 1) Use a train set to demonstrate the positions of the different cars (red is first, etc.) and play trains. Place colored dots on train cars to indicate which car is which.

Kit Supplies: wooden train set, colored dot stickers

- 2) Play "Train" by lining up chairs in a long row. Each chair can be a different car. Have each child wear a different colored bandana. The children can find the chair that corresponds to the color of the bandana they are wearing (red=caboose, purple=box car, etc.). Extend the game by asking children to pretend to travel to a destination of their choosing. If they're going to Chicago, ask the kids what's in each of the train cars... maybe cattle in the cattle car and corn in the hopper car. Imagine what the different types of cars can carry.

Kit Supplies: colored bandanas

