

Family Storytime

Ages 2½–5

October 13th, 2015

Today's Theme: Trains

Books Shared:

The Little Engine That Could by Watty Piper

A Train Goes Clickety Clack by Jonathan London

Freight Train by Donald Crews

Trains by Byron Barton

Shark vs. Train by Chris Barton



Action Poem: This is the Choo Choo Train

This is the choo choo train (bend arms at elbows)

Puffing down the track (move arms forward in train motion)

Now it's going forward (move arms forward)

Now it's going back (move arms backward)

Now the bell is ringing (Pull cord)

Now the whistle blows (make train sound)

What a lot of noise it makes (cover ears with hands)

Everywhere it goes (arms out)

Fingerplay: Engine on the Track

Here is the engine on the track (*hold up thumb*)

Here is the coal car, just in back (*pointer*)

Here is the box car to carry freight (*middle*)

Here is the mail car. Don't be late. (*ring*)

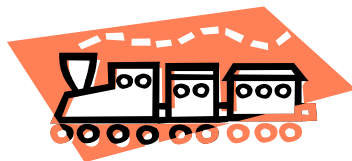
Way back here at the end of the train. (*little*)

Rides the caboose through the sun and rain.



Parachute: "Summer Trains" by Dan Zanes

Craft: Name Trains



Facts About Trains:

The fastest train is the TGV in France. It goes 322mph!

The largest station is Grand Central in New York. It has 44 platforms.

The longest train ride is on the Trans-Siberian Express in Russia: 5,857miles. It goes between Moscow & Vladivostok.

Felt Board: This Little Train

This little train, painted black
It comes chugging down the track
With a "Choo-choo; Toot-toot"
Hear the whistle blow
This little train goes chugging home.

This little car, painted blue
It has seats for me and you
With a "Choo-choo; Toot-toot"
Hear the whistle blow
This little train goes chugging home.

This little car, painted yellow
It shimmies and shakes like a bowl of jello
With a "Choo-choo; Toot-toot"
Hear the whistle blow
This little train goes chugging home.

This little car, painted green
It's the fanciest car you've seen,
With a "Choo-choo; Toot-toot"
Hear the whistle blow
This little train goes chugging home.

This little car; it is grey
It takes you places far away
With a "Choo-choo; Toot-toot"
Hear the whistle blow
This little train goes chugging home.

This caboose; it is red
It will take you home to bed
With a "Choo-choo; Toot-toot"
Hear the whistle blow
This little train goes chugging home.

Literacy Tip: Read with fun in your voice. Read to your child with humor and expression. Use different voices. Ham it up!