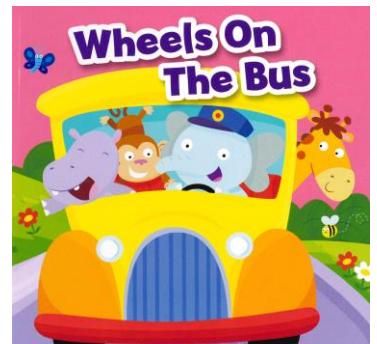




BOOK: Wheels on the Bus

Before Reading:

1. Read the book to yourself before reading to your child.
2. Choose a place to invite your child to read that is well lit and cozy.
3. Say, "Are you ready for a bus ride?" as you invite your child to sit with you.



During Reading:

1. This book lends itself to singing the words, so sing them!
2. Stop and point to the different animals, say their names, and have your child repeat them.
3. Finish the story and ask, "Do you want to ride the bus again?" Reread the book as many times as your child would like and encourage them to sing along with you!

After Reading:

Gross Motor: Act out the actions in the story! Roll your arms round and round like the wheels on the bus. Bounce up and down like the monkeys. Open and shut your hands like the lights on the bus.

Dramatic Play: Act like the different animals in the story and make the sounds they make!

Social-Emotional: Set up a few chairs to be the seats on a bus. You can be the bus driver and teach how to use manners by modeling. Ask your child, "Would you like to get on the bus" and have your child answer, "Yes, please". When your child sits down ask, "May I sit with you?" and have them answer, "Yes, you may!" Then, act out the scenes in the book!

Creative Art: Use a tissue box or any type of small box to help your child make their own bus. Color it and glue paper circles on for the wheels. Take popsicle sticks and create stick puppets of each animal. Then, retell the story using your props!

Math: Show your child the wheels on the bus and explain that their shape is round like a circle. Play a game to find as many things in your house that are round like a circle. Make sure that one of those items is a yummy cookie or doughnut that you and your child can have for a snack!

Science: Find realistic pictures of each animal in the story. Children need to know the difference between make-believe and real animals. Discuss how real animals don't drive or ride a bus, sing, or live in neighborhoods. Make-believe animals can do all of those things in books and movies because someone makes them up and it makes a story fun to read!