

# Hope Valley Preschool August 2010

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Walker is graphing what his favorite type of transportation is.

## ***Transportation Unit***

This month our preschoolers will be learning all about transportation. Watch for airplanes, spaceships and boats to appear from cardboard boxes. We'll visit lots of places using our imaginations as we line up chairs and pretend to ride a bus.

How do you learn about math and science in a transportation unit? Our children will count wheels on vehicles, different colors of cars, and how many cars are in our parking lot. We'll graph how many cars our families have and discover the most popular color. Our children will explore rubber tires with magnifying glasses and tire rubbings. We'll also make license plate rubbings.

During circle time, our children will talk about what transportation is, their favorite place to visit, and how to get there. We'll discuss wheels, cars, trucks, boats, planes, trains, rockets, and horses. The bookmobile will bring us lots of transportation books and we'll learn favorite songs and fingerplays like, "Wheels on the Bus", "How do I get to

*Here from There*", "The Car Ride", and "Pile of Tin".

Our children will take a look at the milk truck and food truck as they make their deliveries. We also have other forms of transportation that will be visiting! We'll make a transportation collage, trains from geometric shapes, and paper plate cars and airplanes. And...we'll trace our shoe prints – since this is our basic form of transportation.



## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS**

- 6 Bread Truck Visit
- 13 Fire Truck and EMS Visit
- 20 Motorcycle Visit
- 27 Bookmobile Visit

## ***FUN FRIDAYS***

- 6 Tire Rubbings
- 13 Making Fire Trucks from Boxes
- 20 Fly Kites and Planes
- 27 Moon Pizza – Space Food Experience

## ***OUR SPECIALS***

<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>
Tumblin' Tots	Music Class	Spanish Class Computer Class



## **BOOK OF THE MONTH**

This month our preschoolers will enjoy reading, *Truck Stuck* by Andy Robert Davies. A girl and boy set up a lemonade stand in their yard. Then a big rig gets stuck and the lemonade business improves from the traffic jam. When tow trucks fail to release the truck, it's the little girl that comes up with the solution. *Check it out!*



Claire and Xander are washing the push-bikes before they ride them on the playground track.

## INFANTS & TODDLERS

Curriculum is as important for infants and toddlers as it is for preschoolers. It may look like very little planning is needed, since they are *just playing*. Most of what our children experience is new to them. Each day may open a door to a new discovery as they feel textures, handle objects, hear sounds, and try new food.

A good curriculum includes teacher interactions; the arrangement of space, furnishings, and materials; teaching strategies; language; the schedule of activities; and transitions between activities. Routine care activities are opportunities for learning. Our activities build on the children's natural interest in exploring the world around them.

In keeping with our transportation theme, our toddlers will enjoy a toy wash, use their motor skills as they move like different forms of transportation, play inside a large "train" box, and pack their suitcase so they can dump it of course.

## NC Museum of Natural Science *Animal Tales*

What better way to bring a character to life than combining children's literature with the natural sciences. This month features a story about a hermit crab and one about a hedgehog. We will discuss what is fact and fiction about the main characters and meet the accompanying live animals.

## Spanish Class



We will study vocabulary about transportation -transporte, bicycle-bicicleta, train-tren, helicopter-helicoptero, car-carro, truck-camion, bus-autobus, airplane-avion, boat-barco.

## Music Class



As soon as young children are able to hold objects, they start to bang and shake them. This month, we will teach our preschoolers how to play rhythm sticks. Rhythm sticks are wonderful musical instruments for young children. What can we do with rhythm sticks? We can tap the sticks together, tap the floor – sticks together, tap the floor – alternating right and left sticks, and scrape the sticks together...all to instrumental music.



## HAPPY BIRTHDAY

**Kylie R.**  
**Sharleen W.**  
**Graham H.**  
**Taylor F.**  
**Logan S.**  
**Sophia D.**  
**Brooke L.**

**Jason T.**  
**Riley C.**  
**Gage R.**  
**Yotam G.**  
**Cole C.**  
**Amelie B.**