



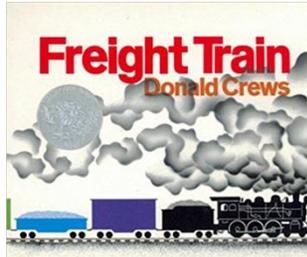
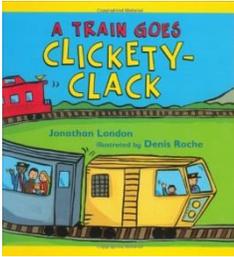
Portland Library

Take-Home Sheet: Trains!

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READING:

Reading together is the single most important way to help children get ready to read.



Other Titles You Might Enjoy:

- *I Love Trains* by Philemon Sturges
- *Clickety Clack* by Rob and Amy Spence
- *Night Train* by Caroline Stutson
- *And the Train Goes* by William Bee

SINGING:

Singing slows down language so children can hear the different sounds that make up words.

“Down by the Station”

Down by the station early in the morning
See the little puffer bellies all in a row
See the station master pull the little handle
Chug, chug, choo, choo off we go.

TALKING:

Talking with children is one of the best ways to help them learn new words and information.

“Off We Go”

Here’s the train, here’s the train
All-aboard, all-aboard
Chugga, Chugga, Choo-choo
Chugga, Chugga, Choo-choo
Off we go! Off we go!

PLAYING:

Parachute play for toddlers helps to channel their excess energy. They are learning about rhythm and rhyme, they are learning how to work together with their peers, and they are learning how to listen and follow directions.

LITERACY TIP OF THE WEEK:

Keep reading short, simple, and often

Being a toddler is all about action! Toddlers frequently have shorter attention spans than babies. Look for text that is short and simple. Read a little bit, several times a day.

Source: Reading Rockets <http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-toddlers>

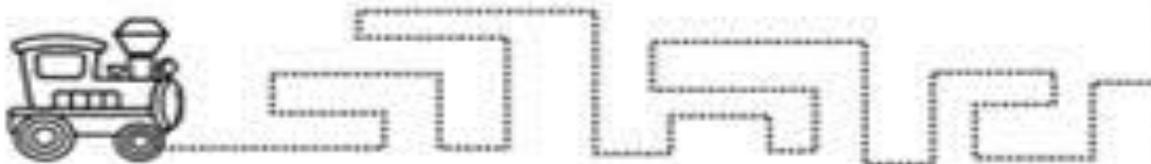
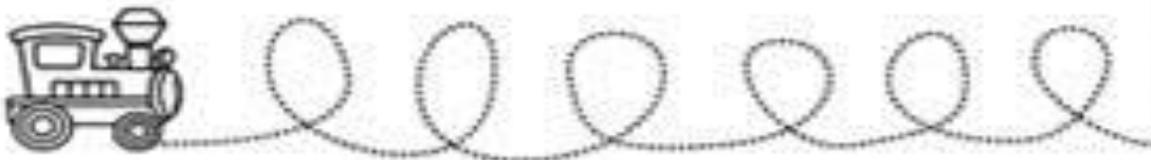
WRITING:

Writing begins with scribbles and other marks. Talk to your children about what they draw and then write captions or stories together. This makes a connection between spoken and printed language.

- Tracing helps to strengthen small muscles, develop fine motor control, and further develop hand eye coordination which are the foundations for prewriting.
- Color and trace the trains following from left to right. Following left to right progression is an important pre-reading skill!

Name: _____

Trace to Race



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