

PN THEME 6: MY COMMUNITY (3rd Feb. to 28th Feb.)

Our sixth topic of the year focuses on the communities we live in, exploring the different people and things we interact with on a daily basis.

THEME LESSONS

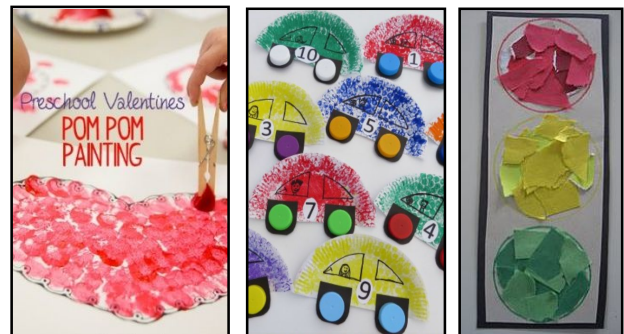
Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

- Keywords: City, road, car, building, bus, shop, cart, buy, bus, truck, train, bike, park, fun, picnic, basket, eat, outside, restaurant, menu, eat, waiter, inside, traffic, light, stop, slow, go.
- Songs: 'The wheels on the bus,' 'Let's go shopping,' 'The action song,' 'Sing the little song,' 'She'll be going out to dinner' and 'Race car.'

This theme the teacher will start by introducing the children to the city and a few common elements we find there. They will read a sweet book titled, 'Little Elliot, big city,' which has lovely images of a city and the things that move through it. Shopping is one of the activities we often do in the city, so the teacher will focus on this next. The children will pantomime going shopping by using a pretend cart and purchasing different objects from the classroom. The teacher will read the book, 'Shopping,' and extend their pretend play into the learning center. The classes will then focus on different forms of transportation that we often see in the city. The teacher will make a large vehicle out of a cardboard box, so the children can pretend to drive different types of transportation. They will also read the book, 'Zoom, zoom, zoom.' The children will then learn that we can eat both inside and outside when we are the city. We can go to a park and have a picnic. The children will learn the song, 'Teddy bear picnic' and read the book, 'Picnic family.' They will also go outside, put a blanket on the grass and pretend to have their own picnic. Eating inside, in the city, happens at restaurants. The children will learn about all the things we see and find in a restaurant and what we do there. The book, 'Restaurant' will help with this.

ART LESSONS *(sample to the right may vary from actual art work)*

In their art lessons the classes will have fun making a Valentine's Day card, using pegs and pom poms. They will also make a colourful car and a vibrant traffic light!



MATH & READING LESSONS

Some keywords and songs you can practice with your children at home:

- Keywords: Number, one, two, three, four, five, count, bug, flip, bird, fly, worm, slide, fish, swim, frog, hop, horse, run, monkey, climb, penguin, waddle, chicken, strut, snake, crawl.
- Songs: 'The number song' and 'If the monkeys feeling happy.'

The children will start this theme's math lessons by focusing on numbers, specifically, linking numbers to a quantity and also recognising the written numbers. Using the class snack fruit, the teacher will make the association between the number word and the actual number of objects. They will also read the book, 'I love my 1, 2, 3.' The teacher will create great learning center activities where the children can practice both quantity association and number recognition.

In their reading line lessons, the children will learn about how animals move in different ways. The classes will read the book, 'My very first book of motions.' The teacher will encourage the children to act out the different movements.