The Old Truck 
by Jarrett Pumphrey

Using few words, this wonderful book shows the long hours and endless work of farm life, the connection and continuity of family, the power of well-built machinery, the rewards of persistence, and how change and growth are the mainstays in life. The simple, illustrations suit the text perfectly. It won a well-deserved Ezra Jack Keats Honor Award. All ages. (This team’s other book, The Old Boat, is also wonderful.)

Three Grumpy Trucks
by Todd Tarpley

Three little trucks have such a wonderful time playing at the park they balk when it’s finally time to leave. The rhyming text is light and fun; the illustrations sweet and well suited to the text. Children will easily relate to the three little truck’s personalities as well as their desire to continue playing. A wonderful book for children who struggle with transitions. Preschool.

More fun books about trucks

All books that have an asterisk are available to read as an e-book on OverDrive.

*Bulldozer Helps Out
by Candace Fleming

A little bulldozer tries to help the large trucks at a construction site but is given another task that becomes much more important. The simple text in this book is perfectly illustrated by Eric Rohman.

*Digger, Dozer, Dumper by Hope Vestergaard

A cute little book of poems about different kinds of trucks. Preschool and young school age.

A Fire Engine for Ruthie
by Lesléa Newman

Ruthie loves to visit her grandmother, but realizes they have differing ideas on what constitutes fun play. Preschool and young school age.

I’m Tough! by Kate and Jim McMillan

A tough truck talks about all the loads it carries in this funny, vibrant book. Preschool.

*Little Truck by Taro Gomi

A book about a little truck and a big truck. The simple illustrations and text introduce children to concepts of fast, slow, dark, light, slopes and sleep. Infants and toddlers.

The Mixed-Up Truck
by Steven Savage

A simple and amusing book about a cement mixer trying to create something great to help other trucks. Toddlers and Preschoolers.

*Puppy Truck by Brian Pinkney

An imaginative book about a boy who wants a puppy but gets a truck instead. Toddlers and Preschoolers.

*Roadwork by Sally Sutton

Filled with onomatopoeia, this vibrant picture book tells the story of a new road’s construction from start to finish. Preschoolers and young school age.

Yo Manejo un camión de volteo/I Drive a Dump Truck
by Sarah Bridges

A detailed book about all the things a driver can do with a dump truck. Bilingual Spanish/English with additional information presented in boxes on each page. Includes a glossary, index, and suggestions for more resources. Preschool and young school age.
Fun Learning Activities

Make Your Own Paintbrushes

What you need:
- Sticks or dowels
- Painters or masking tape
- Paper
- Tablecloth
- Tempera or water paint in small bowls
- Twigs, leaves, feathers, yarn, flowers, straws, ribbon, strips of fabric, rubber bands, pipe cleaners, etc.

Take one or several of each item and tape it to the end of a stick or dowel to create a lot of odd paintbrushes. You can also clothespin a small sponge to use as a paintbrush.

Place paper on a table covered with a plastic tablecloth and set out the paint in bowls. Encourage the children to explore painting with these unusual paintbrushes. Talk about how each paint brush works and the designs they each produce. What else might they use as a brush?

Credit: earlylearningideas.com

Copy Dancing

What you need:
- Danceable Music and something on which to play it

This game can be played with two to 20 participants, and it’s as simple as it sounds. One person, the leader, dances while all the others copy their moves. Most children love being the leaders, and imitation is, after all, the highest form of flattery, so make sure every child has a chance to lead, if they like. Perhaps at the end, allow everyone to engage in free dancing.

Did You Know?

The Child and Adult Care Food Program (CACFP) offered by the Metropolitan Development Council ensures proper nutrition for all children enrolled in licensed in-home daycares.

Providers can be reimbursed for two meals and one snack or two snacks and one meal per day for each child in care ages 0-13.

https://mdc-hope.org/childcare-food-program

Image of a book cover titled "Nutrition".

Rhyme & Poem of the Month

Zoom Down the Freeway

Zoom down the freeway,  
(slide arms forward on each zoom)
Zoom down the freeway,  
Zoom down the freeway FAST! 
(clap hands on fast)
Up goes the drawbridge,  
(raise arms up)
Up goes the drawbridge,  
Up goes the drawbridge  
A ship is going past.

Excavator

Who made this hole? A digger.  
Too small? She’ll make it bigger.  
Too big? She’ll fill that hole. 
Big rocks? She’ll make them roll. 
Her name? The Excavator. 
Her job? Smooth Operator.

by Hope Vestergaard
(From the book, Digger, Dozer, Dumper)