



Going to School

Storytelling Tips

- Discuss how the child will get to school
- Discuss the activities they will do at school (eat, nap, circle time, washroom, etc.)
- Discuss when the child will go to school (morning, afternoon, all day)
- Discuss and prepare for things that will be expected of the child (put on own coat, etc)
- Discuss the teacher's role in the classroom
- Discuss some rules there might be (sharing, no running, etc)
- Discuss some of the feelings the child might be experiencing

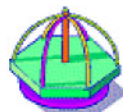
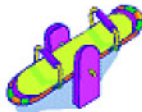
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Activities

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- Name recognition game (see creative guide)
- Sing songs on song sheet
- Have child practice some of the activities provided
- Have child practice dressing self (use the wonderful child as a guide)
- Go shopping to pick out some school supplies and clothing
- Visit the eye doctor and have hearing tested if this is a concern (saves frustration)
- Make school bus on activity sheet
- Visit the school playground (1st when school is out then when school is in)



Vocabulary

(some words to think about and use in your discussions)

teacher	librarian	recess	listening
principal	custodian	learn	rules
secretary	bus driver	print	co-operation
gym teacher	gymnasium	computer	sharing
library	bus	manners	friends

Songs

KINDERGARTEN HERE WE COME! (sung to twinkle, twinkle)



Kindergarten here we come!
 We know we'll have lots of fun.
 Lots of things to make and do.
 Reading, writing, counting too.
 Kindergarten, here we come!
 We know we'll have lots of fun.

THE WHEELS ON THE BUS

The wheels on the bus go round and round,
 Round and round, round and round
 The wheels on the bus go round and round,
 All through the town.

The children on the bus go up and down,
 Up and down, up and down,
 The children on the bus go up and down,
 All through the town.

(repeat with these verses)

- The driver on the bus says shh, shh, shh
- The wipers on the bus go swish, swish, swish
- The horn on the bus goes beep. Beep, beep
- The sign on the bus says stop, stop, stop



OFF TO SCHOOL WE GO (SUNG TO A-HUNTING-WE-WILL-GO)

Off to school we go
 It's off to school we go
 We'll take our lunch and ride the bus,
 With everyone we know

Off to school we go
 It's off to school we go
 We learn our ABC'S and more
 With everyone we know

(kindergarten Here We Come song taken from DLTKkids.com)
 (Off To School We Go taken from preschooleducation.com)

Things to Make

EGG CARTON SCHOOL BUS

Materials

- lid (top) of egg carton
- Yellow paint or markers
- Black construction paper or two lids from milk jugs (wheels)
- Black marker
- OPTIONAL: small cutouts of people from magazines, colouring books or hand drawn
- Glue, glue sticks
- Scissors

How-To



- cut lid off carton
- Paint lid or colour yellow
- Cut circles out of black paper
- Cut pictures of people out
- Glue on wheels
- Glue on people in holes of carton (window)
- Write SCHOOL on top of bus

NAME RECOGNITION GAME

Materials

- pencil
- Paper
- Scissors

How-To

- cut paper into rectangles (need at least 4)
- Write child's name in broken line (or help to write name on paper)
- Write other names on the other squares
- Have child pick out his/her name
- Make it more difficult by adding more names
- Add names with the same first letter or are similar (e.g. Nicholas, and Nathan)

(school bus craft taken from Dltkids.com)