Transportation

**WHAT DO YOU SEE?**
Transportation can set the stage for language development! Name the interesting things you notice on your island when riding with your infant.

**KEIKI DEVELOPMENT:**
- Language and literacy
- Exploration of the environment

**ʻOLELO HAWAIʻI:**
- Makaʻala- Watchful
- Moʻolelo- Story

**MATERIALS:**
- Book: "On Our Island in Hawaiʻi" by Jane Gillespie
- Wheels on the Bus song click: [here](https://youtu.be/CnuLAgOBCPk?si=LnNnWIPyxEXH0n4B)

1. Read the book "On Our Island in Hawaiʻi" together. Later, listen to the song, “The Wheels on the Bus” as you play. Connecting music to moʻolelo is language enrichment!
2. Bring the moʻolelo to life and be makaʻala on your next ride on your island.
3. Describe in detail what you see. Think colors, sizes, and signs, e.g., the big, blue boat or the long, quiet tunnel.
4. Language development in infants starts by listening, so enjoy being makaʻala and talking stories as you explore Hawaiʻi!

At-home ʻohana activities use common household, recycled, or natural materials that set the stage for keiki-led exploration, developmental mastery, and social-emotional bonding.

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FOLLOW THE HŌKŪ
The hōkū in the sky guides us along our huakaʻi. Step into a waʻa and help your toddler follow their sparkly path.

MATERIALS:
- Book: "Twinkle, Twinkle, Small Hōkū" by BeachHouse Publishing
- Laundry basket
- Paper, yellow crayons, scissors

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Read the book, "Twinkle, Twinkle, Small Hōkū" together.
2. Have your toddler use yellow crayon to scribble on paper then cut out hōkū shapes.
3. Create a path by working together to stick the hōkū along the wall and floor.
4. Now it’s time for your huakaʻi! Use an old laundry basket as a waʻa. Invite your toddler to sit inside and gently push them while they collect the hōkū.
5. Count the hōkū when you’ve reached your final destination. Think ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i! ‘Ekahi (1), ‘elua (2), ‘ekolu (3)...

Digital storytime here!
[Click here for more numbers in ‘ōlelo Hawai‘i!]
MEA ‘AI FOR MY KAIĀULU
We all tend to notice when a new food truck pops up in our kaiāulu. Make play dough with your preschooler and create your food truck on the go!

KEIKI DEVELOPMENT:
• Social emotional development
• Math and measurement

‘ŌLELO HAWAI‘I:
• Mea ‘ai- Food
• Kaiāulu- Community

MATERIALS:
• Book: "Hawai‘i’s Food Trucks on the Go!" by Beth Greenway
• Playdough recipe ingredients
• Recycled small food containers
• Large cardboard box

INSTRUCTIONS:
1. Read the book, "Hawai‘i’s Food Trucks on the Go!" together.
2. Make this simple play dough recipe together (courtesy of www.makeandtakes.com).
3. Have your preschooler take the lead to measure out the ingredients. This is math!
4. Shape the playdough into various mea ‘ai, then use recycled food containers to pack them up for the kaiāulu.
5. Turn an old cardboard box into a food truck. Turn the box upside down and cut out flaps for windows. Load up your mea ‘ai, and off you GO!

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