



# Trains

## Parents' Activity Sheet

### *Fingerplay* **Clickety Clack**

Clickety clack, clickety clack.  
 ("Walk" fingers down arm from shoulder to hand)  
 A little toy train runs down the track.  
 Clickety clack, clickety clack.  
 ("Walk" fingers up arm from hand to shoulder)  
 The little toy train goes running back.

Tootlety toot! Tootlety toot!  
 (Pull downward with one hand)  
 Goes the little toy whistle on the little toy train.  
 Tootlety toot! Tootlety toot!  
 (Pull downward again)  
 The little train whistle blows once again.

*Susan Pflug c1999*

### *Craft* **Box Car Trains**

The simplest things can entertain and teach children better than expensive toys and games. Cardboard tubes, boxes, pots and pans, plastic containers--items like these will often keep a young child's attention while a manufactured toy is ignored.

Save shoe boxes or similar containers and work with your child to create a train that will carry her treasures and appeal to her imagination.

Join several boxes by punching holes in the ends and connecting them with heavy yarn or cord. Tie the ends of the yarn around short pieces of cardboard or wood to keep it from pulling out of the holes. Attach a long piece of string or cord to the front of the "engine" so that your child can pull her train. Let her decorate her train with stickers, markers, or pictures from magazines.

### **Family Read Aloud Time**

*Regardless of age, everyone loves trains. Share some of these train books from the public library during your family read aloud time.*

#### **The Sunday Outing**

*Gloria J. Pinkney E*

#### **The Everyday Train**

*Amy Ehrlich E*

#### **Mac and Marie and the Train Toss Surprise**

*Elizabeth Howard E*

#### **Chugga-Chugga Choo-Choo**

*Kevin Lewis E*

#### **How Many Miles to Jacksonville?**

*Tony Johnston E*

#### **I've Been Working on the Railroad**

*Nadine Westcott E*

#### **The Owl Who Became the Moon**

*Jonathan London E*

#### **Window Music**

*Anastasia Suen E*

#### **All Aboard ABC**

*Doug Magee and Robert Newman E*

#### **The Caboose Who Got Loose**

*Bill Peet E*

#### **The Little Engine that Could**

*Watty Piper E*

#### **Train Song**

*Diane Siebert E*

#### **Trains**

*Byron Barton E*

#### **Freight Train**

*Donald Crews E*

#### **Trains**

*Anne Rockwell E*

#### **Tunnels**

*Gail Gibbons J624.193*

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