

Transportation Theme

Writing



Freight Train Letter to the Author

Materials

- Freight Train by Donald Crews
- Truck by Donald Crews
- Chart paper

Procedure

- Say, “We have read the books Freight Train and Truck by Donald Crews. Which book is your favorite?”
- Have the children vote for their favorite book.
- Think out loud as you say, “Let’s write Mr. Crews and let him know which book is our favorite.”
- Ask, “What should we say to him?”
- Children respond, “We like books about trucks!”
- Write the sentence, “We like books about trucks.” Ask, “What do I put at the end of a sentence? Right, I put a period.”
- Continue brainstorming with the children about what to say to Mr. Crews.
- Say, “When I end the letter I write, ‘Your PreK Friends.’”
- Have children join in to reread the letter.
- Have children sign the letter during center time.

Supplemental Activities