



Teacher Parent Activities

[Mr. Walrus and the Old School Bus](#) provides opportunities for learning experiences beyond reading a story. Adapt the suggested activities on this page to provide age appropriate learning for all children participating in [Mr. Walrus and the Old School Bus](#).

Movement:

Move chairs together to form the shape of a School Bus. Children will enjoy sitting in the chair "bus seats" and taking turns as Mr. Walrus, the bus driver. Give children an opportunity to express themselves through movement as they participate in [Mr. Walrus and the Old School Bus](#).

Social:

Plan a school bus field trip to various stops around your community. Plan stops at the zoo and the fair and have people waiting there to greet the children. Plan a stop at the local pet shop and grocery store. Be sure to allow plenty of time for lunch, with lots of carrots to crunch and peanuts to munch.

If the bus stops are in your playground or backyard, use props and signs to designate the various stops. The children will enjoy adding new bus stops to their trip.

Learning to Use Clocks to Tell Time:

As you take your bus trips (either around town or on your imaginary trip), use clocks to tell the time and make sure you are not late for your next bus stop. Children will learn the importance of being on time by using a clock to help them.

Art:

Draw a map of your community and the bus stops you will take on your trip. Help very young children use familiar shapes (squares and circles) to show various bus stops. Glue on animal stickers to finish off the map. Keep in mind that each child will have his or her own interpretation, so no two maps will be alike.

Language:

Allow the children an opportunity to explain their maps to others in the group. Self esteem will "sizzle" as children share their maps with others. Invite children to share their work with family members, friends, and grandparents, as well as post their drawings on home refrigerators to share with others over and over.