



Playing with cars & trucks is a great time for learning and enjoying...*

- *Different sounds with our mouths*
- *How our bodies move*
- *Shapes, colors, direction / position words*
- *Building towns and roads*
- *Taking turns*
- *Pretending*
- *How to interact with other children*
- *How to play alone*
- *Recognizing road signs*
- *Copying how adults drive*
- *Sorting*
- *Clean up routines*



How could you support your child's play with cars and trucks?

I could...

- ▶ Join in my child's play.
- ▶ Provide access to different materials to add to their play.
- ▶ Talk about what my child is doing.
- ▶ Follow my child's lead.
- ▶ Point out cars and trucks in different locations.
- ▶ Expand on my child's interest with books about cars and trucks.
- ▶ Provide cars and trucks that my child can play with outside, ride on, and interact with in different ways.
- ▶ Go to the library to pick out books about cars and trucks.
- ▶ Allow my child to pick out cars and trucks at the store.
- ▶ Show my child how to care for toys.
- ▶ Make sure toys are safe for my child.

* *Playing with cars and trucks promotes development in all areas: cognitive, communication, motor, self-help and social.*