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NURSERY 3 LEARN ABOUT TRANSPORTATION

The terrific threes have been learning about transportation and how different vehicles can be powered by engines, wind and electricity. This also presented an opportunity to review shapes: circle, triangle, square, rectangle, oval, and octagon.

First, the children created their own freight trains and airplanes. They created the train engine with two rectangle-shaped sponges dipped into black paint and made the boxcars from one rectangle-shaped sponge dipped into their choice of different colored paint. A small sewing spool dipped into black paint made the two wheels under the engine and each boxcar. To decorate their airplanes, each child colored a paper cut-out of an airplane body and its wings using dot-dot paints.

Next, we focused on school buses and sailboats. The buses were colored by roller painting with yellow paint onto a cut-out, bus-shaped paper. One white rectangular window, four white square windows, two black wheels, and a stop sign were glued onto the bus by each child. The children then placed smiley face stickers in the square windows for the school friends riding the bus. Each child's boat was fashioned by first acrylic painting a bowl with their choice of paint color and then water coloring a cut-out mast using many vibrant colors. To complete the sailboat, the children glued on a picture of a life preserver.

We also learned about this week's parsha, Parshat Toldot. The yeladim first heard how Yaakov tricked Esav with his Ima's help to receive Yitzchak's blessing by listening to the first part of the book, *Jacob and Esau* by Mary Auld. Yaakov placed animal furs over his smooth arms to make them hairy like Esav's. We then expanded this concept by having the yeladim suggest items of these different textures.

Inspired by the birth of Yaakov and Esav in this week's parsha, we created a birthday month tally graph of the terrific threes. Each child told when their birthday is and placed a star sticker in the row by their month. Together we added how many birthdays were in each month.

