The children have been busy developing a variety of skills this month along with learning and discovering means of Transportation! The children were asked the first week, “What is Transportation?”, “How do you get from here to there?”, and “How do you get to school?” We started off with a concrete idea, that we can use our own transportation by using our feet and walking from here to there. Each week we concentrated on ways to travel - by land and rail, water and in the air. During each week, the children experienced science activities learning about gravity, sink and float and how hot air rises and lifts airplanes. Gravity was explored by rolling a car down a ramp, sink and float was discovered by using boats in water and adding items to the boat such as corks and small rubber animals. We experimented with how a hot air balloon rises, when we used a paper parachute and hot air from a hair drier and watched it rise! We also blasted off a paper rocket attached to a large balloon on a string stretched across the room. That was very exciting!

The children interacted as well as parallel played in the dramatic play areas, pretending to be mechanics in the garage working on the cars and trucks, building train tracks and assembling long freight trains. They also built houseboats in the water table. The children have also enjoyed using glue sticks, gluing with a brush, sculpting in clay, creating wooden sculptures, painting, using daubers, markers and pouring lots of sand. We have read books about trucks, helicopters, trains, airplanes and boats as modes a transportation.
PLAY FUELS OUR LEARNING!

Isaac picking his pumpkin.

Isaac and Ruth sharing the train track.

Jaycee painting her ship at the easel.

Jaycee and Branden running cars, trucks and jeeps through paint across the paper leaving a variety of wheel tracks.

Wilder and Roni making and decorating airplanes.

Jaycee, Max and Cheryl working the boats through water ways.
VARIOUS STOPS ON OUR JOURNEY

Joon and Holden creating freight trains!

Ruthie and Emiah building road ways!

Joon using one of his favorite forms of transportation, bicycling!

Arianna enjoys painting her vehicle shape at the easel.

Arianna, Max and Emeline are learning to work with one another in the sand box.

Ruthie decorating her little pumpkin.
We want to say “Thank you” to Mrs. Hraber for teaching us wonderful music lessons, and thank you to Emeline’s dad Mr. Kurzweg and Ellen’s grandparents for reading to the children. It was also great to see so many of our families at our Open House!

OUR NEXT THEME IS HEALTHY MIND AND BODY!
WE WILL LEARN AND DISCOVER HOW TO BE HEALTHY AND FIT!