During the month of November, the friends at The Children’s School geared up for our Transportation unit. As always, we started our exploration by looking at books and then engaging in a multitude of activities that promoted the conceptual thematic content therein. Each week, the friends learned about a different type of transportation: land, water, air, rails/tracks. Books like “Things That Go” by Marie Linney, “In The Air” by Samantha Berger, “Who Sank The Boat?” by Pamela Allen and “Sally’s Great Balloon Adventure” by Stephen Huneck tapped into and added to our knowledge about transportation and the different ways that we get from here to there.

The transportation unit provided us with excellent opportunities to conduct a few science experiments. Using a giant model hot air balloon and a hair dryer, we demonstrated how hot air rises. While studying water vehicles, the children dropped various objects in a tub of water and guessed whether they would float or sink. Cars and trucks were staples in the classroom during this unit, so we used a scooter in circle time to push heavy objects (the teachers!) across the floor that otherwise would have been impossible for the children to move. In that way, we demonstrated how wheels can make work easier.

Play is an enormous part of a three-year-old’s life and an integral part of their learning experience. The Red and Blue Room friends spent time working with tools to “repair” tricycles in the dramatic play mechanic shop, building ramps and tunnels with blocks, constructing floating structures in the water table, zooming airplanes around the toy airport and taking turns using the pretend steering wheel and dress-up clothes while listening to “Driving In My Car.”
PLAY FUELS OUR LEARNING!

Parker and Ksenia directing traffic in the parking garage.

Shourya is ready to go “Driving in his Car”.

Morgan using watercolors to paint her sailboat.

Evelyn is the conductor of one of the happiest trains I’ve ever seen!

Andrew making vehicle molds with wet sand.

Sean making hand imprints at the science table.
VARIOUS STOPS ON OUR JOURNEY

Shourya and Evan repairing a loose wheel on one of the playground tricycle trailers.

Betsy preparing the airplane for take-off in the Red Room airport.

“How can we move the car without touching it?” Evelyn tries blowing it across the board.

Dominick observing the rules of the road and stopping at the red light.

Andrew using paint and a salad spinner to make spin art.

“Which tool should I use to tighten a lugnut?”
November is a month where many people think about and appreciate the things they are thankful for and we at The Children’s School are no different. It was wonderful having Morgan’s grandparents visit to share a book with the afternoon Blue Room friends. Thank you to Zahra’s mother who joined us for Zahra’s birthday celebration and shared a story with the Red Room friends.

It was also a joy for us to meet with the families for the parent/teacher conferences. Thank you for your time, for sharing your children with us, and for the ways in which you’ve made the beginning of this year such a good one!

We look forward to the rest of the year together!

Mrs. Tomer            Miss Stevens            Mr. Salinetro