Dear Parents,

We hope that you all had a safe and happy Memorial Day weekend! It was wonderful to speak to many of you on the phone last week. If you need any assistance locating resources or information, we will be happy to help in any way we can. If any of your contact information has changed (telephone number, address, etc.) please notify our Family Worker Ari immediately, so we can remain in contact with you. We miss you all and are looking forward to the time when we can be together again at Head Start!

Children are fascinated by moving things (as you well know), and last week, we began learning about cars, trucks and other wheeled vehicles. Continuing our theme on Transportation, we will be exploring boats this week. We are very fortunate to live near the ocean, so you and your children can visit the beach, which provides many wonderful opportunities for learning- literacy, science, math, and language (not to mention that it is a great place for your child to run, climb and explore)! You can create many “teachable moments” wherever you are! Remember: You are your child’s first and most important teacher! Have fun learning together!

Suggestions for Learning at Home this Week

**Literacy:** Read together every day for at least 15 minutes! This will help develop your child’s literacy skills and will help them learn to love books and reading! Suggested books this week include:

- *Little Toot the Tugoat* by H. Gramatky
- *I ’M M igh t y* by K. Mcmullan
- *Busy Boats* by T. Mitton

Our Letter of the Week is W. Make the “W” sound and help your child practice writing Ww. Please continue to encourage them to write their names (and other letters of the alphabet) every day!

Go on a W Walk at the beach. Help your child to find things that begin with W (waves, water, wind). Make letter W’s in the sand and place seashells and rocks on your letters. Have a wonderful walk!

**Math/Science:** Talk to your child about floating and sinking (heavy things sink and light things float). Fill a bowl or sink with water-gather some items (rock, coin, marble, ball, plastic bottle, pencil, etc.), then ask your child to predict whether the items will float or sink. Have your child drop different the items in the water to test if they sink or float. Make a list of all of the items that float and all of the items that sink. Ask your child to count how many items are on each list-have your child write the numbers down and ask which number is “more” and which number is “less.”

**Art:** Make a sailboat! Give your child a block or small piece of wood and some markers and invite them to decorate their “boat.” Make a sail, using a piece of paper taped to a straw-put a small lump of play dough or clay on the boat and place the straw in the dough with the sail sticking up. Invite your child to float their sailboat in a sink or tub of water-challenge them to move their boat in different ways (they can blow on the sail, make waves in the water, etc.). Visit Pinterest (Preschool boat crafts) for more fun boat art projects to try!

**Gross Motor:** Go on a W Walk (see suggestion above). Another fun movement game you can play is “Willie the Worm.” Standing in a safe place say, “Willie the Worm wants you to wiggle!” Call out different movements and invite your child to waddle, wave, jump, hop, skip, etc. Emphasize the W sound in the words you use. Do the movements with your child and have fun!

Wash your hands, cover your sneezes and coughs, stay home and remember—we love you!

Miss Sheila  Miss Lydia  Miss Diana  Miss Jessica