

Catch The Reading Bug 2007 – Week Six

Sub-theme: Car Bugs

Title: Road Trip

Age: 10-12 years

Duration: 1 hour

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Materials:

- Map
- Bingo Sheets and markers

Procedure:

Choose a variety of the following stories, songs, crafts and activities that are suitable for your library and available resources.

1) Map activities:

Put up a map of Canada or the world and talk about

- a) map symbols (contours, boundaries, map legend)
- b) provincial capitals and other important spots on the map
- c) Canadian place names

Or:

Play the Geography Game:

Have the children sit in a circle. The object of the game is to add a place whose name begins with the last letter of the name previously mentioned. Thus. Torontoo – Ottawa – Alberta – Armstrong – Gastineau – Uruguay – Yukon, etc. This one is definitely easier if you use a world map! You could have a child who cannot think of a place name go to the map and try to find one.

2) Twenty Questions:

A more sophisticated version of I-Spy. "It" thinks of an item associated with a road trip, and the guesser has 20 chances to guess it by asking only questions that can be answered by 'Yes' or 'No', except for the first question which is always "Animal, Vegetable or Mineral?"

For example, the mystery item is a suitcase.

Guesser: "Is it animal, vegetable or mineral?"

It: Animal [it's a *leather* suitcase]

G: Is there one in this room?

I: No

G: Is it alive?

I: No

G: Could I pick it up?

I: Yes.

G: Is it something to use outside?

Etc

3) Road Trip Bingo:

Buy a dollar store bingo set and change to numbers to place names or things you would see while traveling (bridge, cow, waterfall, canoe, golden arches, etc)
Or download a free printable bingo sheet from the Internet at
www.dltk-cards.com/bingo

4) Campout activity:

Have a Scout or Guide from your local troupe come and set up a tent and talk about camping equipment.

5) Car/Camp Songs:

"Sally the camel"

"99 bottles of pop on the wall"

"There was an old lady who swallowed a fly"

"Song that never ends"

*Go to http://dragon.sleepdeprived.ca/songbook/songbook_index.htm for all the sing-a-long songs you could ever use.

Resources:

Books:

Some appropriate passages to read aloud:

Bowers, Vivien. That's Very Canadian (pages 84 to 87)

Bowers, Vivien. WOW! Canada (almost any of it)

Charles, Norma. Sophie Sea-to-Sea: Star Girl's Cross-Canada Adventure. Chapter 4 (pages 37 to 39)

Heidbreder, Robert. Eenie Meenie Manitoba.

Heidbreder, Robert. See Saw Saskatchewan.

Rowling, J.K.. Harry Potter and the Chamber of Secrets. Chapter 5 (the flying car trip episode)

Scrimger, Richard. Way to Schenectady. Chapter 3 (pages 23 to 26)

Snicket, Lemony. Slippery Slope. Chapter 1 (pages 7 to 16)

Wilson, Eric. Tom and Liz Austen mysteries about various Canadian locations

Websites:

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