

Objective

By the end of this lesson, the toddler will be able to identify and describe different aspects of dump trucks through reading and language activities.

Materials and Prep

- A book about dump trucks
- Construction paper
- Markers or crayons
- Scissors
- Tape or glue

Before the lesson, familiarize yourself with the book and prepare the construction paper cutouts of dump trucks.

Activities

1. Read the book about dump trucks to the toddler, emphasizing the illustrations and discussing the different parts of the dump truck.
2. After reading, ask the toddler to point to and name the different parts of the dump truck, such as the wheels, cab, and bed.
3. Using the construction paper cutouts, have the toddler create their own dump truck by coloring the cutouts and assembling them with tape or glue.
4. Encourage the toddler to describe their dump truck, using simple words and phrases to talk about the colors, shapes, and functions of each part.
5. Have a pretend play activity where the toddler can use their dump truck to transport small objects (e.g., blocks or toy cars) and verbally explain what they are doing.

Toddler Grade Talking Points

- "Dump trucks are big trucks that can carry and transport heavy things."
- "They have a special bed that can go up and down to dump the things it carries."
- "Dump trucks have big wheels to help them move on different kinds of surfaces."
- "The driver sits in the front part of the truck called the cab."
- "Dump trucks are often seen at construction sites or places where things need to be moved."