

# DECEMBER

**THEME:** Our Community **FOCUS:** Children learn, talk, read, and write about their community and the importance of good citizenship.

## ALPHABET KNOWLEDGE

F, G & H

Practice making these letters with fingerpaint or macaroni!

## LET'S GET PHYSICAL!

Make structures using your body! Make a bridge by getting on your hands and knees and a ramp by kneeling with your arms stretched out.

## TALK ABOUT IT

Use sentence starters to help children use complete sentences in discussions about their community.

My community is...

My favorite place in the community is...

When I grow up, I want to be a...

I am caring for our earth when I...

## VOCABULARY WORDS

Community  
Neighborhood  
Work  
Firefighter  
Transportation  
Passenger  
Earth  
Recycle

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DISCUSSION TOPICS	Talk about the places you go daily.	Discuss what it's like to meet new people in the community like librarians and police officers.	Talk about the different types of transportation and the purpose they serve in the community.	Discuss what it means to recycle and why it's good for our environment.
CREATIVE ART IDEAS	<b>COMMUNITY MAP:</b> Create a map from your home to all the places you travel in your community.	<b>MANY HATS:</b> Using paper plates make hats of community workers like, firefighters or police officers.	<b>MAKE AN OBSTACLE COURSE:</b> Using recyclable materials, create an obstacle course for your toy cars.	<b>RECYCLE BOX:</b> Decorate a recycle box and help your family recycle in your home.

## ENHANCED LEARNING

### LEARN THROUGH PLAY

- Pretend to be a Mail Carrier, deliver mail to your friends and family.
- Pretend you are driving, what kind of things do you need to do to keep you and your passengers safe?
- Act out being a community worker, who would you be and what would your job look like?

### MATH AND SCIENCE

- Sort recyclables by what they're made out of, cardboard, plastic or glass.
- Practice measuring distance by either measuring distance with a ruler or measuring tape or by using a timer to see how long it takes to travel to different locations.
- Do a shape scavenger hunt in your community by using the different shapes of the street signs.

## BULLETIN BOARD

Home City Families will be starting virtual playgroups up this month.  
Email us for the link.  
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