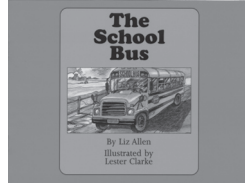


# THE SCHOOL BUS

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 Set 5 – 132 words

## Building Anticipation – Setting the Context

Discuss ways the children get to school. Do any of you travel by school bus? Do you walk? Do you travel by car? Have the children make a survey chart and answer the question on the reproducible master. Discuss their experiences.



*The Wheels on the Bus* by Maryann Kovalski. Kids Can Press, 1987.

- Sing along with this hilarious picture book as the wheels on the bus go round and round.

*The Magic School Bus Series*. Scholastic.

- Read about the adventures of Miss Frizzle and her students in any of the books in the Magic School Bus series.

Introduce the book and guide the children through a book-walk. Before they start reading, focus the children's attention on strategies they can use when they come to an unknown word.

## Discussion – Book Talk

How did Kelly and Tom get to school? How do you get to school? Create a Venn diagram to compare what you are doing at school today with what you did yesterday.

## Creative Response – Independent Practice

Children can:

- write a class book about ways of getting to school. Use the sentence frame "I \_\_\_\_\_ to school with my \_\_\_\_\_" to create sentences like "I walk to school with my Mom" or "I drive to school with my Dad."
- draw or paint a picture showing children travelling to school in different ways
- read about life on a Prairie farm
- design a special school bus that would be fun to travel in
- find their own community on a map.

## Read-Aloud Connection

Learning About Language - Focused Teaching		
High Frequency Words	school, played, away, today	Find these words in the book. Choose one of these words and practice writing it on an erasable board.
Letters and Letter Clusters	<i>b</i> — bus, book, books, boys <i>G</i> — Goodbye <i>g</i> — get, girls, going <i>sch</i> — school	Brainstorm to create a list of words that begin with <i>g</i> .
Rhymes and Word Families	book, look, cook tag, wag, bag school, cool, pool, tool sang, rang, bang, hang	Use onset and rime cards to make these words.
Word Endings	<i>ed</i> — stopped, played <i>ing</i> — going	How many words ending in <i>ed</i> can you say? How many can you write?
Compound Words	Goodbye Today, away tomorrow	

Reproducible Master - The School Bus

# Ways We Get to School

Survey your classmates.

Walk	Car	School Bus

I go to school \_\_\_\_\_.