

How We Get to School

1st Grade: Teacher's Guide/Workbook

Lesson 3: Getting to School Everyday



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How do we get around the city?

Some BIG IDEAS:

- People walk a lot in New York - they walk to get to bus stops, subway stations and to get from place to place. At a typical elementary school up to 80 percent of the student body can walk to school - if you count those that walk from the train or the city bus. When you start to look at these numbers with your students, it helps them to see that

1 NEW YORK IS GOING GREEN Many New Yorkers make green travel decisions every day. This is great to focus on with your students because it allows us to focus on something very positive that is happening everywhere

2 THERE ARE A LARGE AMOUNT OF PEDESTRIANS AROUND THE SCHOOL Especially during pick up and drop off each day. In New York, the second leading cause of children's deaths is motor vehicle accident, second only to all other accidental death combined. Most of these accidents occur near or around the child's school. These stats are not meant to share with students, but it's something you should know while working on a streets-based community study.

3 THE STREETS AROUND THE SCHOOL NEED TO BE SAFE FOR WALKING There are ways to help with this. Schools can be marked well with signage and street markings. There can be traffic calming measures put into place such as speed humps and changes to the side walk.

Additionally, working with families who do drop off in front of the school can help this crucial time of day. At the end of this Learning Unit your students will be asked to think about these things and make requests of the adults in the community.

Before you make this graph:

- Remind students of the various Modes of Transportation that you discussed in an earlier class. You can make a list of those Modes if you think it will be helpful to the students.
- Encourage the students to draw their Mode however they want to!
- Remind them to put their name on their square and write how they get to school in the space provided.
- Once you have finished the graph, look at it and discuss WHY these numbers are important and WHAT it teaches us about walking in the community.

Supplies you will need for this lesson:



- A copy of the work page for each student
- Some colored markers or pencils the graph square
- Large roll of paper and glue for the pictograph

Travel Pictograph:

This pictograph is made in two phases. First, each student fills out a square showing how they get to school each day. If you want, students can also take this drawing square home and do it with their families as part of your homework packet. Not only does this give the students a chance to connect with their families about this unit, but it also will help to get accurate reporting from families.

Next you take the drawings and use the squares to build a pictograph about how kids get to your school.

1. Cut out each square - make sure names are on the square
2. Make a "sketch" of the graph, having students lay their squares on the rug, grouping each Mode together
3. Use a large roll of butcher or colored paper as the background for your graph
4. Create an axis with each Mode and build the graph square by square to show the number of students using each form of transportation
5. The final result is a large graph showing all the different ways kids get to school! Great for displaying in the hall



Some students will be confused because they come to school in a variety of ways. Ask them to draw a picture of the most typical way they get to school - or the way they got to school the day you make the drawing.



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