



Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus

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This cute story is all about the pigeon trying to convince the reader to let him drive the bus while the driver steps away for a couple minutes. He can be very convincing so just remember what the bus driver said, "Don't let the pigeon drive the bus!"

Before:

Introduce the story by talking a little about the book. Use the cover of the book to create questions that will help gain the children's interest. A good example question would be, "I wonder why the pigeon is not allowed to drive the bus?"

During:

While you are reading take the time to look at the illustrations and ask more questions. Talk about the different things that the pigeon says to convince the reader to let him drive the bus. Then talk about reason why the pigeon should not drive the bus and list them below.

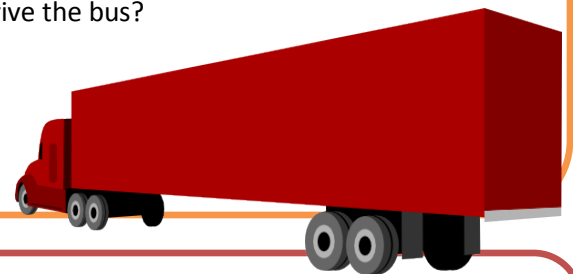
Why the pigeon should NOT drive the bus:

- 1.
- 2.
- 3.

After:

Discuss the story. Ask Questions...

- What is the one thing the bus driver asks the reader to do?
- What kind of things does the pigeon say to convince you to let him drive the bus?
- Do you think his cousin herb really drives a bus?
- What did the bus driver say when he came back?
- What kind of vehicle do you think the pigeon will want to drive next?



Let's Talk About *Don't Let the Pigeon Drive the Bus*

In this story the pigeon really wanted to drive the bus. What kind of vehicles can you drive right now? Maybe a bike? Who drives you to school? To your friends house? To the park? When you are older, what kind of vehicle would you like to drive?

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Yellow School Bus Craft!

Supplies for Yellow School Bus:

- 6-8 inch square yellow craft foam
 - scissors
 - black marker
 - black craft foam
 - brad fastener
 - circle craft foam stickers
 - popsicle sticks
 - black pipe cleaner (aka, chenille stems)
1. Cut out your school bus from the yellow craft foam. I just eye-balled the image of a bus or you can print out a school bus image and trace it onto your craft foam. (I love craft foam because it's a little sturdier than paper and the edges don't fray or tear).
 2. With your black marker, draw 3 windows onto your bus, even a steering wheel if you'd like. I also drew a headlight and a front grate, giving it some character. Then you need to cut out the windows. This part is for an adult to cut out. You need to poke a hole with your scissor into the center of the space you're cutting and continue cutting around the drawn black window.
 3. For the wheels, cut out 2 circles of black craft foam. Again with an adult, poke a hole through the center of the black circle with scissors, and attach a brad fastener to the wheel and the bottom sides of the bus. The brad fasteners will help the wheels spin around as you sing the song.
 4. For the people, I used sticky back circle foam stickers. We drew the people's faces on each circle, then attached them to the top of a popsicle stick
 5. For the winder wipers, I cut a 2 inch piece of black pipe cleaner, bent it in half, and pierced another hole through the corner of the bus, where the wipers would go. Thread the pipe cleaner through, and then twist to secure it. Now they are ready for wiping!



BUS SAFETY SONG

Talk about bus safety and sing the song:

Tune: Twinkle, Twinkle Little Star

**When you're driving on the bus
Don't stand up and make a fuss.
Follow every safety rule,
The driver will get you safely to school.**

**Talk quietly and be polite
Listen well, and do what's right.**

What's included in the kit ?

- Story Page
- *Wheels on The Bus* Song & Felt Board Props
- Alphabet Match
- Number Match
- Shape Match
- Bus Colour Match
- Alphabet Letter Trace
- Play dough Recipe and Activity

