

Recommended activities for “Crossing Guard”



Visit by a Crossing Guard

Young children are intrigued to meet important helping adults in person! Arrange for a crossing guard to visit your classroom to discuss their duties and discuss basic pedestrian safety rules. This is particularly effective in extending children’s relationships with helpful adults outside their family, and can be especially valuable during a unit on safety at the beginning of the school year.



Experience Walk for Signs in Your Community

Take your group on a walk in your community to search for signs and symbols, such as stop signs, traffic lights, walk signs, walk buttons, crosswalks and directional signs. List them on a flip chart or poster board, and discuss their meaning and how they provide important information. Signs and symbols expand children’s skills in math and technology!



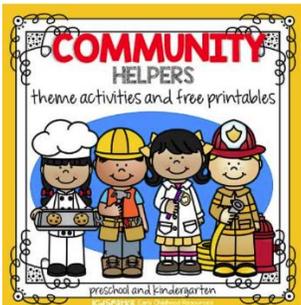
Traffic Intersection Dramatic Play

Convert your dramatic play area into a traffic intersection to give your mini pedestrians experience immersing themselves in community helper roles and how street crossing and traffic rules work. Create street crossing lines using white paint tape and provide child-size safety vests. Such play expands children’s science skills (observation), math skills (distance, area, estimation) and technology concepts (tools, such as signs, belts, and uniforms). <https://tinyurl.com/vavj4map>



Red Light Green Light Group Game

Playing the classic group game, “Red Light Green Light” is an engaging way to increase your little learners’ math skills in understanding of symbols, distance, area, time, and estimation. The Welcome Baby site offers an age-appropriate approach to this game for younger children. Visit <https://tinyurl.com/2bpzmw5e> .



Community Helpers Lotto Game and Matching Game

Expand your little learners’ understanding of important community helper roles with a community helpers lotto game and tools matching game, available on the Kidsparkz site <https://tinyurl.com/3v5jvcbb> and <https://tinyurl.com/y559mwup> . Such board and card games build math skills in memory, 1-to-1 correspondence, and classification and concepts in technology (tools).