

# Word Field Trip

## Primary Objectives

- 4. Demonstrates traveling skills
- 17b. Uses print concepts

## Why It's Important

Going on outings to different kinds of places can be an exciting way for your child to learn to read, recognize, and understand the words he sees around him. It also shows him the important role that words play in his physical environment.

## Materials

Camera

## What You Do

1. Invite your child to join you on a Word Field Trip. Explain that you will be taking a walk and looking for words as you go.
2. As you walk along on your trip around the neighborhood, zoo, park, store, etc., point out some of the words you see. *I see a sign that says one way. That means people driving on this street can go in this direction only.*
3. Encourage your child to look for signs. Take pictures of the words he finds, including both familiar words and new ones.
4. When you return from your field trip, encourage your child to remember a few of the words he recognized and learned.
5. Use the pictures as a later time to recall the words you saw. *Do you remember what this word is? What does this sign mean?*
6. Allow your child to look at the pictures on his own and practice reading them.