See Yourself in the Driver’s Seat: Learning Activity for Grades 2-3

Board Game
Instructions and Cards
1. Divide students into teams of no more than six members.

2. Distribute a game board, game pieces, set of playing cards and one die to each team.

3. Explain that the object of the game is to follow the road shown on the game board from start to finish and to learn how trucks bring us our food and the many other things we buy and use every day.

4. Play begins with each player selecting a game piece and placing their game piece at the beginning of the road, where the farm is pictured. Each player roles the die. The player with the lowest number plays first. Play continues clockwise, passing to the first player’s left.

5. The first player rolls the die and advances. If a player lands on a space with a square, triangle, circle, or star shape, the player selects and reads aloud a playing card with that shape on it. The player moves ahead one space, then places the selected card on the bottom of the pile from which it came.

6. If a player lands on a space colored red or green, the play selects and reads aloud a red or green playing card (according to the color of the space) and follows the directions on the card. The player places the selected card on the bottom of the pile from which it came.

7. Circulate among the teams, answering questions, offering additional information and insights about trucks and truck driving.

8. Allow 20 minutes for play.

9. The first team to have all its players reach the end of the road, where the cereal bowl is pictured, should raise their hands. Praise each team, even if time doesn’t allow all the teams to finish the game.

10. Starting with the team that finished first, ask the teams: What did you learn about trucks or truck drivers that was new or surprising?
At the farm, milk is put into a TANKER truck.

Move ahead one space.

At the farm, grain is put into a BELLY DUMP truck.

Move ahead one space.

In the forest, trees are put on LOG trucks.

Move ahead one space.
Cows are put into a truck called a LIVESTOCK HAULER and taken to the dairy.

Move ahead one space.

Trucks take milk, grain and logs to MILLS or FACTORIES.

Move ahead one space.
At the cereal mill, grain is ground into flour. Flour is used to make different kinds of cereal.

Move ahead one space.

At the saw mill, logs are cut into lumber and wood chips. Wood chips are loaded into CHIP trucks.

Move ahead one space.
At the paper mill, wood chips are made into cereal boxes. Cereal boxes are loaded into VAN trucks.

Move ahead one space.

Trucks take food to big WAREHOUSES.

Move ahead one space.
At the warehouse, milk cartons and other fresh or frozen foods are loaded into REFRIGERATED DELIVERY VAN trucks.

Move ahead one space.

At the warehouse, cereal, and other foods are stored until DRY DELIVERY VAN trucks pick up food ordered by the market.

Move ahead one space.

LONG DISTANCE TRUCK drivers often drive for many days. At night, long distance truck drivers often sleep in their trucks.

Move ahead one space.
DELIVERY truck drivers drive around town to deliver food and other things we buy at stores.

Move ahead one space.

Truck drivers take food and other products from the warehouse to MARKETS and STORES.

Move ahead one space.
TRUCK DRIVERS deliver milk and other foods to grocery stores.

Move ahead one space.

TRUCK DRIVERS deliver clothes, toys, televisions, and everything else we buy at stores.

Move ahead one space.

DELIVERY TRUCK DRIVERS pick up and deliver packages all over town.

Move ahead one space.
Truck drivers drive many kinds of trucks, including DUMP TRUCKS, CEMENT TRUCKS, and FIRE TRUCKS.

Move ahead one space.

People buy food and other products at stores and take them HOME or to WORK.

Move ahead one space.
Some farmers take their milk, cheese and eggs directly to the market in a REFRIGERATED VAN truck.

Some farmers take their fresh fruits and vegetables directly to the market in a REFRIGERATED VAN truck.

Some farmers take crates of fruits and vegetables directly to the market on a FLAT BED truck.

Some farmers take some kinds of fruits and vegetables directly to the market in a DRY VAN truck.
A winter ice storm just hit. All traffic has been stopped to wait out the storm.

The compressor on your refrigerated trailer has gone out. You need to find a truck stop and call for a repair.

You failed a safety inspection. You did not have a fire extinguisher on your truck.

Weigh station ahead. Get in line behind other trucks for a safety inspection.

Big snow storm! Stop in town and wait until the storm is over.
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Accident ahead! Wait for traffic jam to clear.

Go back!

Bridge washed out ahead. Take another road.

Go back!

Safety inspection reveals one flat tire. Fix the flat.

Go back!

Road work ahead. Take a different road.

Go back!

You just got a speeding ticket for going 70 miles per hour in a 55 mile-per-hour zone.

Go back!