



Busy Trucks on the Go

By Eric Ode, illustrated by Kent Culotta

Before reading the book

- Ask the child how many trucks are shown on the front cover. What colors are they?

As you read the book, ask ...

- What do you suppose the relationship is between the two characters shown in the first illustration?
- Where do you suppose the characters are going on the first double-page spread?
- Have you ever watched concrete being mixed? Where and why was it happening?
- Why does the bulldozer need to scoop rocks and dirt and sand?
- Why do you think the characters are driving in the mountains?
- Why do the characters need a tow truck? What do you suppose has happened?
- Why do you think the characters are running as they pass the mail truck?
- Do you ride a bus to school? Have you ever ridden on any kind of bus and if so, where?
- What kind of sound might the fire truck be making?
- What other name is sometimes used for a truck that transports an injured or ill person to the hospital?
- How do we know that the little boy likes trucks?

After you read the book

- Go back through the book, asking the child to name each different kind of truck. Make a list of all the different kinds. Ask what vehicles other than trucks appear in the book.
- Discuss the services each of the different kinds of trucks provides to the community.
- Ask which truck is their favorite and why. Have them create their own illustration featuring their favorite.
- Looking through again, ask what clues the illustrations give about what season it might be.
- Find the special character in the story who also appears in another Kane Miller book by these same creators!

More fun stories about vehicles by Eric Ode!

- *Dan, the Taxi Man*
- *Tow Truck 1, 2, 3*
- *Hooray, It's Garbage Day!*

