

Cities Short Week PK5/K



The learning objectives for this week are:

- Learn about what makes a city a city
- Learn how to be safe, get around, and what there is to find in a city (focus on NYC)
- Prepare and pack for our NYC trip together; get child's help planning activities that sound interesting to them

Sensory & Fine Motor Skills

- "Practice" riding the metro by turning a box into a subway card and trying to get on and off quickly. Also practice swiping a metro card through a slot. Can also practice calling for a taxi.
- NYC Safari Toob (<https://www.amazon.com/Safari-Ltd-York-City-TOOB/dp/BOOBKWKZ30>)

Math Element

- Play money games such as store and food truck vendor paying for items for your child to practice paying for items like they would in a city (great way to work on learning monetary amounts)

Literacy Element

- Learn sight words like "NYC," "New York City," "Metro," "Park," "Taxi," "Hotel," "Zoo," and "Museum" in preparation for being able to spot the words on a trip. If you aren't going to NYC but another city, learn words related to that city

Geography/History Element

- Print off and try and read a subway map for NYC (<http://web.mta.info/nyct/maps/subwaymap.pdf>)

Arts & Crafts

- Build a city out of boxes (<https://www.marthastewart.com/1101270/kids-craft-handmade-cities>)
- Create a City Urban Hub edition (<https://www.amazon.com/Imagine-Bendon-Create-City-Urban/dp/BOIC24I9SG>)- not very expensive regularly, but found for half off at Hobby Lobby
- Print a metro card in black in white and color and print out to play with (https://nyobserver.files.wordpress.com/2014/01/25metrocard_thumb-superjumbo.jpg?quality=80)
- The Usborne Museum Activity Book (to prepare for visiting museums)- <https://www.timeout.com/newyork/music/best-songs-about-new-york>
- Dover Coloring Book: Statue of Liberty and Ellis Island (<https://www.timeout.com/newyork/music/best-songs-about-new-york>)

Music & Movement

- Listen and play (per your discretion) some of these songs about NYC and have a dance party (<https://www.timeout.com/newyork/music/best-songs-about-new-york>)

Books to Read

- See Inside Great Cities by Rob Lloyd Jones (an Usbourne Flap Book)
- Babar's Museum of Art by Laurent de Brunhoff
- This is New York by M. Sasek

Shows & Movies

- Night at the Museum
- Me, Eloise (a show on hulu)
- Eloise in the Plaza
- Curious George (not technically NYC, but gives kids a good idea of things to find in a city, like how to ride the subway, what skyscrapers and big city museums are like, or what central park might look like)

Places and Experiences

- Visit to NYC where we saw...central park zoo, did an Eloise in the Plaza tea party, spa visit, Natural History Museum

Snacks

- Make an apple pie or just eat an apple and talk about why NYC is called the big apple
- Make our own "food truck" in the back of your car and talk about finding food trucks in NYC. Let your child serve you dinner or lunch from the food truck and practice using money and counting.

Miscellaneous