Making Connections – What do you Hear?

Let’s search for ways to connect with my children while I am inside.

Age: Adult with a 2 to 5 year-old
When: This activity can be done during a phone call or in the visiting area.

What to do:
The adult asks the child, “How do you like to get around? or ‘Have you ever seen a train?’ or “What’s your favourite vehicle?” or “What sound does a train make?”

The child may answer with a “Toot Toot” (in the visiting area you can pretend you are pulling the string the rings the train’s bell).

The adult can say: “I like fire trucks. Do you like fire trucks?” or “What does the fire truck say?” The child and the adult can make the noise of a fire truck.

The adult can ask the child: “What other vehicles do you like?” This invites the child to come up with an idea. It is important that the adult follows the child’s idea and take the child’s lead as much as possible to keep the child-adult connection.

You can make other sounds of vehicles backing up, drivers calling out, etc. Try:
- Buses – “Everybody in!” “Watch your step!”
- Cars – “Come on, let’s go!”
- Motorcycles – “Vroom, vroom”
- Moving Truck – “Pack it up!”
- Dump Trucks – “Beep, beep, beep” as it backs up

In the visiting area, you may show the pictures on this page; over the phone you may guess sounds. This game will bring connection and laughter as adults and young children share.