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**POOH'S GREAT SCHOOL BUS ADVENTURE
(Bus Teaching Script)**

THINK

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SAFETY!



...Providing safe, efficient, effective transportation to our students

First Rider Program

Introductions

Introduce yourself and anyone else who is there with you.

Explain that you are there for the First Ride Program, which is an education and awareness program. This program is to teach students JK to 3 about safety and rules on and around the school bus.

Explain what we are going to do today:

- watch a short video “Pooh’s Great School Bus Adventure”;
- once you have seen the video we will discuss what you learned and answer any questions you may have; and
- then we will also go for a small bus ride to practice what we have learned today.

Start Video

Once video is done, ask students, if they learned anything and if they have any questions.

REVIEW

WAITING FOR THE BUS

- ☒ Stay back from the street while waiting for the bus.
- ☒ Line up 2 big steps from the curb.
- ☒ Show up early (5 minutes before).

WHEN THE BUS ARRIVES

- ☒ Hold the rail so you don’t slip when you’re getting on the bus.
- ☒ Keep your feet in front of the seat.
- ☒ Remain seated when the bus starts to move.
- ☒ Do not change seats.
- ☒ Keep hands, head or any part of the body inside the bus at all times.
- ☒ Do not eat or drink inside the bus. (You could choke, spill your food, & **allergies**.)
- ☒ Do not throw any objects.
- ☒ Speak softly and quietly so the driver can stay alert and concentrate on driving.

ARRIVAL AT SCHOOL

- ☒ Whoever is closest to the front should disembark from the bus first.
- ☒ Do not push anyone in front or behind you.
- ☒ Use the handrail on way out, so you do not fall.

TO CROSS A STREET ONE MUST

- ☒ Step back from the bus door and the bus wheel then take 10 giant steps ahead of the bus (buses now have crossing arms).
 - ☒ Never walk behind the bus.
 - ☒ Never push anyone.
 - ☒ Make sure you can see the bus driver’s face, because that means that he can see you too.
 - ☒ Walk to the edge of the bus bumper and stop (look both ways) and then cross when the bus driver signs with their hand.
 - ☒ Never stop or turn back or crawl or reach under the bus if you drop or forget something. Wait until the driver has driven away.
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Before Going on the Bus

Explain we have a bag for each student. In the bag is a safety colouring book, certificate (ask teacher to complete name on certificate), bus magnet, and a Transportation Guide Pamphlet for their parents. Also explain about the "Think of Us on the Bus" campaign and the card, which is provided to the teacher, that they can draw a picture of a school bus or school bus rule and it can be displayed in the card holder. This holder will or already is provided to each school to hang in their school and rotate pictures from their students.

Explain the handouts will be provided to their teacher to give to the students after they are done the bus ride (too many distractions when they bring them on the bus).

Have the children line up and proceed outside to the bus.

REVIEW

1. Standing waiting for the bus, Tigger was bouncing out on the road. When we are waiting for the bus, Christopher Robin said to line up two big steps back from the street.

Let's take two giant steps back.

2. **Eeyore was very pokey and arrived late. The problem with being late is that you will be worrying about missing your bus and not thinking about safety. Eeyore might run across the street without looking and might trip and fall. Ask Mom or Dad or your babysitter to get you to the stop five (ten) minutes early so this doesn't happen to you.**

3. When the bus arrives, wait for the wheels of the bus to stop, look at the driver's face and when the driver gives you a signal, look both ways and cross the street.

If you do not have to cross the road, make sure the wheels of the bus have stopped. Wait for the driver to open the doors and welcome you aboard the bus.

4. When getting on the bus, hold on to the rail, so like Owl you do not hurt your beak.
5. When Piglet gets onto the bus, he trips over Owl's big feet in front of the seat. Can you show me how well you can sit? Like Eeyore, we must keep our bottoms on the seat and stay sitting down so we don't fall down.
6. Winnie the Pooh lost his feather out the window. It is never safe to put any part of your body outside the window.
7. How does thinking about safety make Winnie the Pooh feel?

Hungry!

Save your treats and snacks for home or school. We do not want you or Pooh to choke or spill your food. Also someone could be allergic.

8. Now we are going to take a short ride. If you would like to talk to a friend sitting next to you, do so quietly so the driver can pay close attention to the other cars on the road.

Do not give instruction during this time. Set an example.

9. Stay seated until the bus has stopped. Let's pretend we have just arrived at your house. All of your papers and treasures should be stored neatly in your backpack or school. When there is more than one person getting off the bus at the same time, the person closest to the front goes first.
10. Owl showed us to take two big steps away from the door and then eight (8) steps towards the front of the bus. Let's practice that together and instead of eight (8) steps we will take ten (10) steps to be really sure the driver can see us.
11. Make sure you can see the driver's face. We cross in front of the bus after the driver gives us a signal. He/She might nod their head or make a sign like this with his/her hand. We always walk across the road (no running). Cross together to the edge of the bus.
12. When you get to the edge of the bus, stop, look both ways and listen.
13. Rabbit dropped his carrot when crossing the road. **Never ever stop, turn back, crawl or reach under the bus for something you have dropped.**
14. Eeyore walked behind the bus to go home. **Never walk behind the bus.**
15. If we had just arrived at the school in the morning, we must walk towards the school. Do not turn back or walk in front of the bus.

End of Presentation

Remember friends, the words that Pooh Bear and his friends have told us. Always **Think Safety First** before, during and after you leave the bus. That way no one will get hurt and taking the bus will be fun. Thank you to all of you for coming today and we hope we will see you practicing what Pooh has taught you.

ALWAYS THINK, THINK, SAFETY!!!

WHEN YOU RIDE THE BUS!!!

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