

CREATE-A-PLAY WITH KERFUFFLE!

A Play Development Kit for Kids and Grown Ups

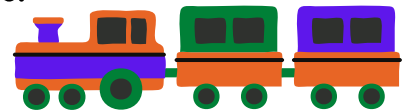


HOW TO USE THIS KIT

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Kerfuffle is a theatre and dance company that specializes in creating performances for very young children. All of our shows are created in direct partnership with children because how else will we know what surprises, delights, bores, interests or engages a child under six years old? Children are active partners in our play development, helping us create the characters and decide the plot of each Kerfuffle show. Our work is typically developed in-person with children in classrooms or museums. Due to current circumstances, we're moving our process online this summer to continue creating art, and that's where YOU come in!

Welcome to our first ever PLAY DEVELOPMENT KIT - a printable "creation guide" for kids and their grown ups to work together and use their imaginations! Filled with drawing prompts, drama games, links to videos with songs and stories, our questions are intentionally open ended to inspire creative answers.



We hope you will feel inspired to create and play together! Your fantastic creations and ideas will directly impact Kerfuffle's newest play for very young audiences, "The Conductors."

HEY GROWN UPS! Read the questions to your children and record the answers! **SHARE YOUR IDEAS WITH US!** Without your brilliant brainstorm, our play has no life.

Send all ideas, pictures, photos, and videos to kerfuffletvy@gmail.com or tag us on Instagram (@kerfuffle_tvy) and Facebook (Kerfuffletvy)! Kits can be mailed directly to us, too! Email us for a pre-paid envelope. Later this summer, we will have a virtual TOWN HALL where we can play some games together and discuss all of your ideas! Stay tuned for the date.

We can't WAIT to see what you come up with!
ALL ABOARD!

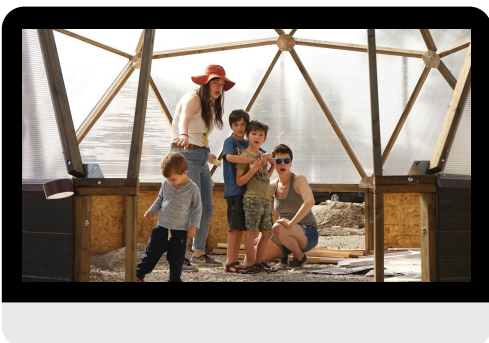


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Pack Your Bags with Jamie!

This issue is all about the places trains can travel! If we're going to go on a train trip, we probably need to pack a bag...or 2...or 3!

HEY GROWN UPS! Click [HERE](#) or visit www.tinyurl.com/magictrain3 for an interactive introduction to this issue's theme, featuring Jamie's (over)packing skills and a new take on an old song!



Pack Your Suitcase!

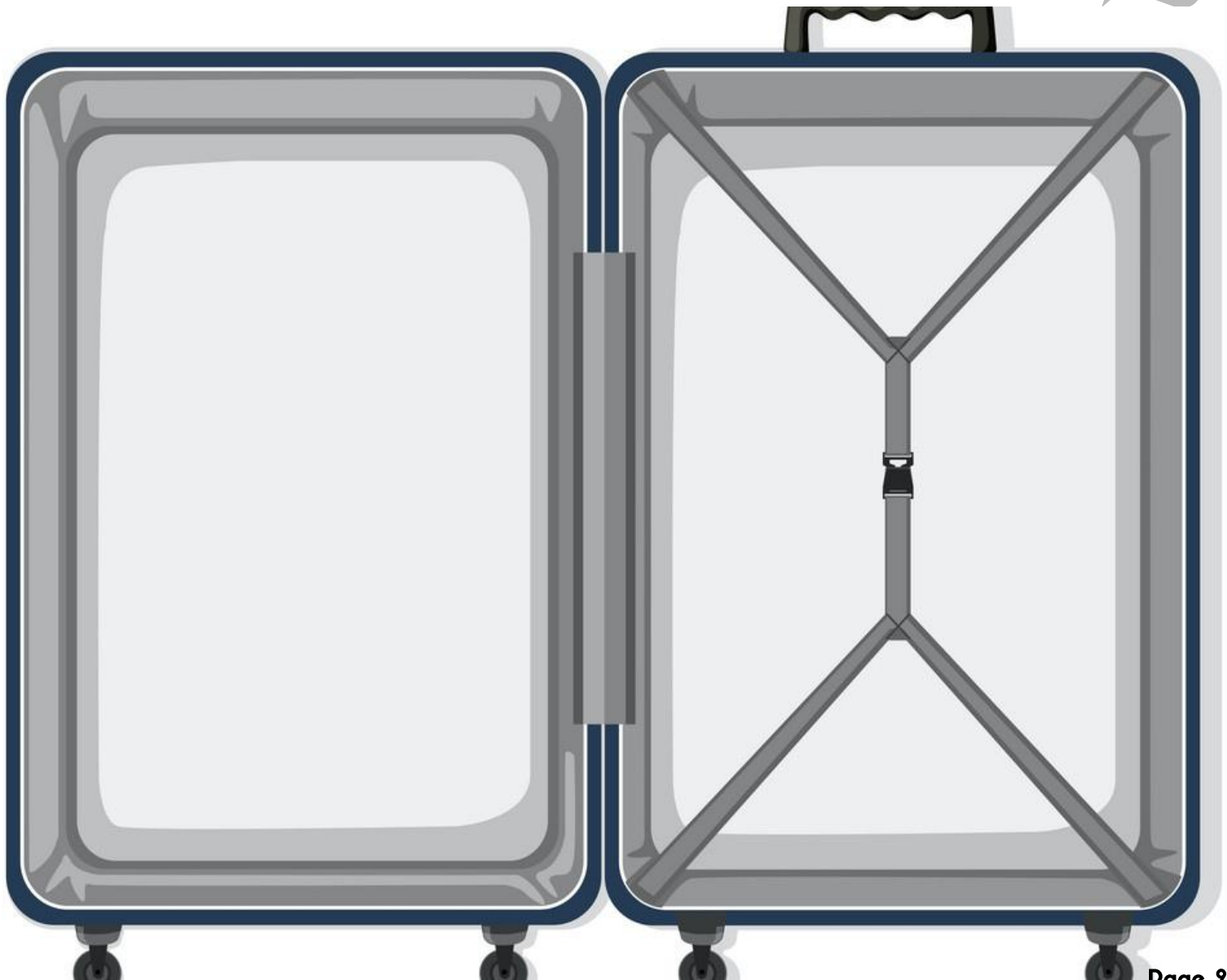


Imagine you're going on a fabulous trip!
Where are you going? What will you need when you arrive?
Pack the suitcase below with all the clothes, toys, accessories,
and things you will need!

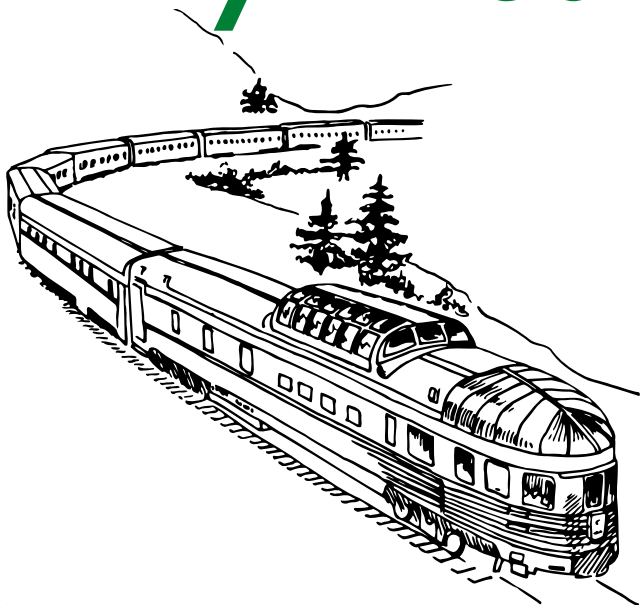
Here are a few ideas:



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My Dream Destination



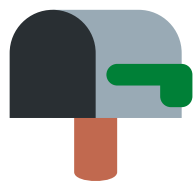
If you could go on a journey anywhere in the world on your train, where would you go? Who would you take with you? What would you do on your journey? Draw your dream destination in the box below! **HEY GROWN UPS!** Ask your child the questions at the bottom of the page and record their answers!

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I dream of going to:

My favorite thing about this place is:

Some things I will do in my dream place are:



Mail Call!

Design a postcard to send to a loved one from your dream destination! What will you say? Draw a picture of your adventures! Who will you send your postcard to?

PS: This postcard can't actually be sent in the mail, but check out the United States Postal Service for info on how to send a hand drawn postcard!

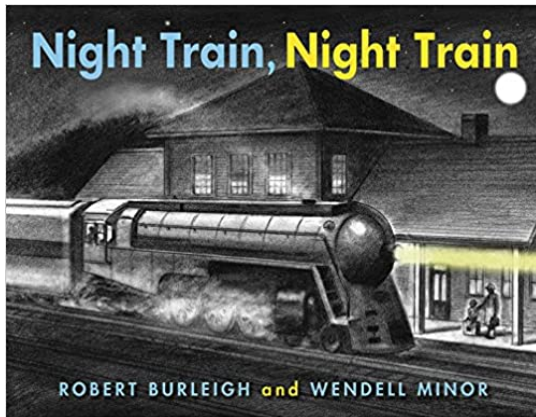
A large rectangular template for a postcard. It is divided into two main sections by a horizontal line. The top section is further divided into a small square on the left (for a stamp) and a larger area on the right (for an address), which is further subdivided by four vertical lines. The bottom section is a large, empty rectangular area for drawing a picture.

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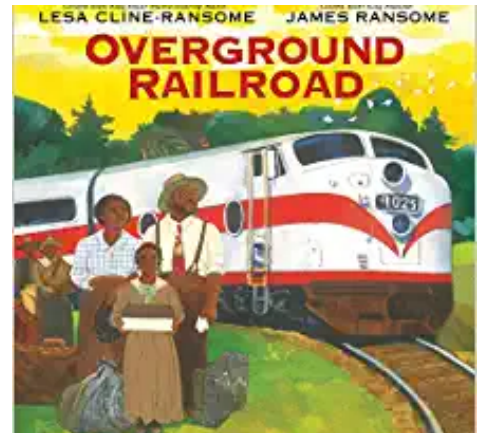


Keep Exploring!

Here are a few favorite books featuring train travel, and places you might want to visit!



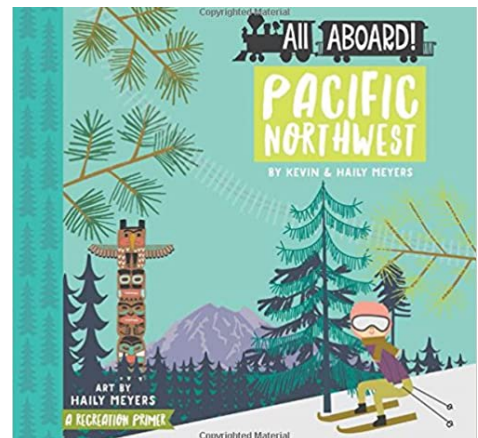
Night Train, Night Train
Written by Robert Burleigh
Illustrated by Wendell Minor



Overground Railroad
Written by Lesa Cline-Ransome
Illustrated by James E. Ransome



Hide and Seek Chicago
Written by Erin Guendelsberger
Illustrated by Mattia Cerato



The All Aboard! Board Book Series
Written and Illustrated by Haily Meyers and Kevin Meyers



WOW!!!! You did it! You helped us make a play!

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About Us



Jamie Sandomire

Before following her heart from sunny Arizona to Chicago, Jamie worked as a professional actor and theatre teaching artist, primarily for Childsplay, where she was an ensemble member for nine years. After graduating from Arizona State University with a degree in theatre, she toured the United States as an actor/director for Missoula Children's Theatre. In Chicago, she has taught with Kerfuffle, Dream Big Performing Arts Workshop, Windy City Performs, Emerald City Children's Theatre, and Adventure Stage Chicago. She currently teaches early childhood music and movement at Musical Magic, and is a certified children's yoga instructor. "My favorite part of riding the train in Chicago is sitting next to the window and seeing the incredible view of the lake!"

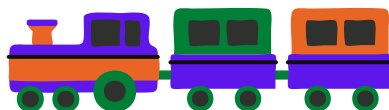
Ashley is a teaching artist, director, performer, playwright, and the founding Artistic Director of Kerfuffle. With Kerfuffle, she has developed and directed "Nested", "The Caterpillar's Footprint", and "Goose and Gert", a co-production with The Rose Theater in Omaha, NE. She has 10 years of teaching artist experience, specializing in drama in the early childhood classroom. In Chicago, Ashley teaches with Lifeline Theatre, Paramount School of the Arts, The Stage School, and Mission Propelle. "My favorite thing about trains is how many noises they make!"



Ashley Laverty



Kerfuffle is a theatre and dance company devoted to creating work with and for children under six years old. Kerfuffle brings high quality, aesthetically pleasing and emotionally interesting theatre to very young audiences in non traditional theatre spaces, such as libraries, art and children's museums, parks, and community centers. Made up of an ensemble of artists who teach, write, design and perform, Kerfuffle creates playful, multi-sensory theatre in partnership with children. Visit www.kerfuffletvy.com for more information.



This was our FINAL ISSUE of our Play Development Kit!

Did you have fun? We sure did!

We cannot wait to see what you've come up with! Please join us for a VIRTUAL PLAY WORKSHOP in September for a creative drama movement, music, yoga jam all about TRAINS and TRAVEL!