

# The Birthday Box

## RIF EXTENSION ACTIVITIES FOR EDUCATORS



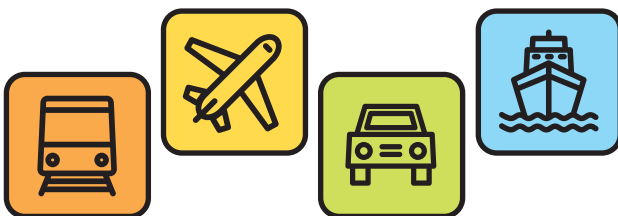
### IMAGINATION STATION (PRE-K)

Place several boxes at a station for students to use however they want. Give them reading materials and props for inspiration.



### TRANSPORTATION (PRE-K)

Collect several boxes to use for a transportation unit. Students can help decorate each box to represent a different mode of transportation (bus, train, car, boat, airplane, subway, etc.). The boxes can be used for play in the classroom or on the playground. Students can also play a guessing game. Place each box around the room. Describe the type of transportation and have students go sit by the one they think is correct. For example: "I have wheels but not tires, I am fast, I have doors that open and close, I travel above ground and underground and I am in big cities." Answer: "I am a subway!"



### WHAT'S IN THE BOX? (K)

Help students develop their sense of touch and use of descriptive words by playing the game "What's in the box?" Place an object in a small box with a hole cut in the top of it. Have a student reach his or her hand in and describe how the object feels. Let the other students guess what is in the box.

### MAGICAL MYSTERY BOX (K TO 1ST GRADE)

Have students use this prompt for creative writing: "One day I woke up and there was a giant box in my bedroom. . .and it was making noise!"



### ESTIMATION STATION (K TO 1ST GRADE)

Collect several boxes of various sizes. As a whole group, small group or independent work station, have students estimate how many of a certain item it would take to fill each box: books, crayons, blocks, book bags, feet, marbles, candy, etc. You or the children can keep records and talk about size, shape and number.

