

Holiday Travel Ideas

Hit The Road, Jack...And Jill

(NAPSA)—Here are tips on traveling with youngsters to keep them happy—and creatively engaged—during a holiday journey:

1. Involve your child in the planning process

Youngsters love to be included in the decision-making process and will be more excited to share in the travel experience if their voices are heard as you plan your trip. Give your children a map so they can see where you'll be going and how far you'll be traveling. If you're going by car, let your kids help you create the route you'll take to your destination and encourage them to track the path as you drive.

2. Gimme a break

Make sure that you build in stops on your journey to allow youngsters to get up and stretch their legs. If you're traveling by car, pull over at a scenic point and examine your surroundings with your child. If you're on a train, walk with your child to the snack car for a treat. Plane passengers can guide their youngsters on walks through airplane aisles.

3. Keep the fun—and the learning—going

Take advantage of portable technologies that enable kids to learn on the go. For example, the Leapster Learning Game System from LeapFrog fits in any travel bag. Youngsters can work on their math, spelling, reading, vocabulary and writing skills with child-



Little travelers can be entertained—and educated—when they bring along a game system featuring favorite characters.

favorite characters such as Dora, Sonic and Batman. Learn more at www.leapfrog.com.

4. Wake up young travelers before arriving at your destination

Many children are apt to fall asleep during travel, especially on long trips.

Make sure you give your child ample time to wake up before you arrive.