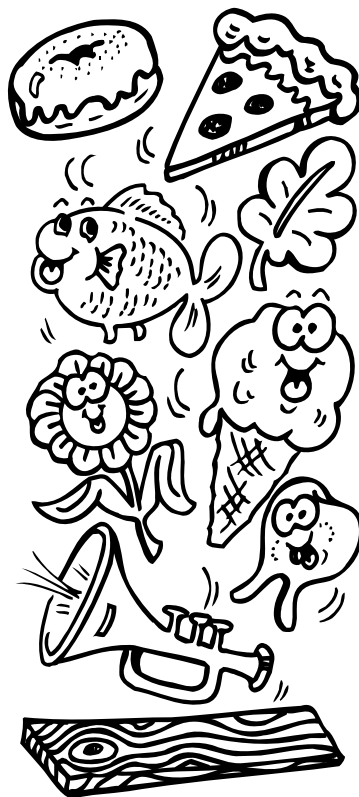


# Field Trip Ideas!

## SUGGESTIONS AND IDEAS!

May is a great time for a field trip. There are many places in your own home town that offer wonderful opportunities for a great field trip. Some of these locations may be within walking distance of your school. Some, you will need to provide transportation. Here are some suggestions:

- airport
- art museum
- automotive repair shop
- bakery
- carpentry shop
- college or university
- dairy farm
- dentist's office
- doctor's office
- donut shop
- fire station
- fish market
- florist
- grocery store
- historic home
- horse stable
- ice cream parlor
- library
- manufacturing plant
- movie theater



- museum
- musical instrument store
- newspaper office
- park
- pet store
- photography studio
- pizza shop
- police station
- print shop
- radio station
- recycling center
- radio station
- retirement home
- telephone company
- television station
- tree nursery
- train station
- utility company
- veterinary clinic
- planetarium

When planning the field trip, make sure you give the proprietors at least two weeks notice. Tell them the age of your students and what types of things you wish them to see and experience. Here are some suggestions:

***Bakery:** Let the baker know that you would like the students to see the different stages of baking bread followed by having them sample a freshly baked loaf.*

***Pizza Shop:** Suggest that the proprietor show the students the various supplies and ovens needed for making pizza. He or she may even let the students add their own toppings to a pizza they make themselves.*

Remind shopkeepers that by having your class visit their establishment, a connection to their homes is made. Children will eagerly ask their parents to visit the particular shops they have visited on the class field trip.

Field trips to local establishments also reinforce the variety of career choices available to students as they grow older.

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## ORGANIZATIONAL IDEAS:

- Before leaving on the trip, explain all rules and your expectations to your students. On the class board, write a list of things you wish them to observe and experience. Discuss these things with your students.
- Have students wear name tags, headbands or visors while on the field trip.
- Ask students to all wear the same color T-shirt.
- Provide parent helpers and the bus driver with matching name tags.
- Give the bus driver and each group leader a list of the students' names for quick reference.
- Ask a parent to videotape the entire field trip. Show the film during Parent Night or show it to the children the next day in class followed by a class discussion.
- The day before, have students decorate small lunch bags. Instruct parents to pack simple lunches for their children (including a drink in a disposable container) in the bags.
- Have the leader or chaperone of each group wear a funny hat or hold a colorful umbrella. The children can easily find their group by simply by looking for the leader.
- Take a field trip kit with you on the excursion. It should include: safety pins, Band-Aids®, paper towels, plastic bags, disposable wipes, a few dollars worth of change, bottles of water and disposable cups and a list of students' emergency phone numbers, including the numbers of your school and principal.
- The day after, have students write thank you notes to the people they met during the field trip.

