

Night Driving
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Activities for Younger Elementary School Students

- Read **Night Driving** and ask student students how many of them have been on a long car trip at night. Ask who they were with and where they went.
- Have students imagine they are on a Night Driving trip. The adult says that they can stop for a break and get anything they want to eat and drink. Where would they choose to stop and what would they order.
- Have students draw a picture of themselves and an adult in a car driving at night.
- Have students create a picture of themselves and an adult stopping for a break at a cafe, restaurant, or fast food place.

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- Read **Night Driving** and ask students to pay attention to the specific details in the text and illustration. What are some of these details?
- Ask students how long they think it took to make **Night Driving**.
- Ask students if they think the author and illustrator communicated extensively during the preparation of the book.
- Have students close their eyes and imagine they are on a trip with an adult. Who would they choose and where would they go? Have the students write about this trip including the details of how they are traveling, what time of the day it is when they leave, where they are sitting, and how they feel.
- Have students go back over their draft and add specific details of sound, smell, taste, and touch to their writing.
- Have students create a picture of themselves and an adult on a trip using cut paper, paint, or another medium.
- Have students ask their parents to share a story about a trip they remember taking. Where did they go and did they drive at night?