

The Yellow Bus

Author & Illustrator: Loren Long
NC Kids Digital Library [ebook](#) available

Related Books:

[Otis](#) by Loren Long

[Last Stop on Market Street](#) by Matt de la Peña

[All Are Welcome](#) by Alexandra Penfold

Related Websites:

[Loren Long Author Website](#)

[The Yellow Bus Resources](#)

[MacKids: Introducing the Yellow Bus](#)

Activities:

Language Arts/Communication and Information Skills

- **K-2:** Have students draw and label their own version of a yellow bus. Then, dictate or write a sentence about where their bus is going or who is on it.
- **3-5:** Write a short narrative or journal entry from the bus's point of view. What did it see on its journey? Who did it help?
- **All Grades:** Create a class poem or collaborative story about kindness and belonging using characters from the book.

Math/Science/Technology

- **K-2:** Use toy buses or printed ones to practice simple addition/subtraction. For example: "If 3 kids get on the bus and 2 get off, how many are left?"
- **3-5:** Design a bus route using a map. Measure distance using scale, and calculate fuel or time needed.

Social Studies/History/Geography

- **K-2:** Discuss how buses help communities and connect neighborhoods. Draw a map showing the bus's stops.
- **3-5:** Explore the history of public transportation and segregation. Link this to [Rosa Parks](#) and how buses became symbols of change.

Art/Music/Drama

- **K-2:** Craft your own 3D yellow bus with construction paper, cardboard, or paper bags.
- **3-5:** Create a stop-motion animation of the bus's journey or perform a short skit where each student acts as a character who rides the bus.
- **All Grades:** Use Loren Long's art style as inspiration to paint or draw a meaningful journey.

Enrichment Express

- Design a "kindness bus" poster where students add kind things they can do for others each time they "get on."