How to make: Cut four gingerbread houses from construction paper and attach them to the top of the bulletin board in a row. Label each house as shown by making signs and hanging them over the front doors. Then use black construction paper to make a winding road and yellow paper to make a school bus. Attach both to the bottom of the board. Staple a shoebox to the side of the bus, and label it as shown. Last, use a gingerbread cookie cutter to trace and cut out “word children.” Place the children inside of the box.

How to use: At the end of each unit, have volunteers write Basic Words on the gingerbread children and place them “inside” the school bus (in the box). At the end of the cycle, children can work in small groups to help the bus driver drop off each gingerbread child at the correct house.