

Context-Setting **Activities**

Transportation to School

Have students learn how their classmates travel to school. Ask each student to record on a slip of paper the modes of transportation he or she uses to travel to school, such as school bus, city bus, walking, automobile, subway, etc. Collect the slips of paper, and sort and tally the various modes of transportation used. Infuse math by asking students to analyze the data and create charts and graphs that represent what they have learned about the various modes of transportation used.

Transportation Worldwide

Ask students to choose another region of the world and research how people and goods there are transported. Ensure that students choose a wide range of regions – urban, rural, industrialized, agrarian, socioeconomically diverse, developed, developing, etc – across all continents. Ask each student to develop and share a brief two-minute PowerPoint presentation illustrating how people and goods are transported in the region he or she has selected.