The 16th president of the United States, Abraham Lincoln, signed a document called the Pacific Railway Act that created Union Pacific Railroad in 1862. Wow – that was 150 years ago.
To connect the United States by rail, the Central Pacific Railroad built east from California and the Union Pacific Railroad built west from the Iowa/Nebraska border. On May 10, 1869, they met at Promontory Summit in Utah, and the whole country celebrated.
When I grow up, I want to be a railroader. I could build bridges and dig tunnels, or I could be a conductor and ride on the train.
Beware when crossing train tracks! If the lights are flashing:

STAY AWAY!
Locomotives have changed a lot over time — from steam to diesel to hybrid. But they still do the same job — pull the train!
Union Pacific trains travel all over the West from the mountains to the sea – more than 32,000 miles.
Trains are like big polar bears. They are super cool, but keep your distance because they are dangerous up close.
Many of our trains run at more than 70 mph. That's faster than most animals. However, that's not as fast as the Peregrine falcon that can reach speeds of more than 200 mph.
Planet Earth loves trains because they are the greenest way to travel. Modern locomotives can carry one ton of freight nearly 500 miles on just one gallon of diesel fuel.
Trains are the safest way to move things over land.
Did you know that trains carry almost everything like food, clothes, cars, TVs and teddy bears?