

Year 0-2 - Literacy

Reading

- Know all the alphabet letters and sounds instantly
- Read words to make it sound like talking, to help increase reading fluency
- Continue to learn high frequency words that can be recognised instantly
- Talk about the pictures in the book before reading
- Encourage breaking unfamiliar words independently
- Respond confidently to inferential questions beginning with 'Why do you think?'
- Encourage your child to correct mistakes that he/she makes when reading by trying a word that makes sense, looks right and sounds right
- Share favourite books, point out words on signs, shops and labels, read poems and play word games like "I spy"
- Help your child to link stories to their own life. Remind them about what they have done when a similar thing happens in the story
- If your child is stuck on a word: wait a few seconds, give them time to think, help them to try a word by saying "read it again and think what would make sense"
- Read emails from family and whanau aloud
- Talk about the pictures in books. Be a role model. Let your child see you enjoying reading and talk about what are you enjoying
- Make some puppets - old socks, tubes of paper or card that you and your child can use to act out plays
- Visit the library often and help your child to choose books about topics that interest them
- Read to your child everyday. You can use your first language
- Ask your child questions (and support them to find the answers) to widen their reading experiences, e.g. "what time is the next bus to town?"
- Help your child with any words that they don't understand. Look them up in the dictionary if you need to
- Show your child that reading is fun and important to you by letting them see you reading magazines, books and newspapers
- Help your child make connections with things they might have read and relate to their own experiences
- Read recipes, instruction manuals, maps, signs and emails. It will help your child to understand that words can be organised in different ways on a page
- Play games that involve reading in a fun way
- Encourage your child to read to others. Brothers and sisters and grandparents are great audiences for practising smooth and interesting reading out loud
- Find books of movies or TV programmes. It can help your child to learn different ways to tell the same story if they read the 'stories' they have watched
- Help your child share their thinking. Get them to share opinions and talk about why they think that
- Encourage internet research about topics of interest - notice what your child is interested in
- Ask questions about your child's story or book, e.g. about the main events, characters
- Ask open-ended questions about the book, e.g. "Why do you think that happened?"
- Encourage your child to tell you about a story, or chapters from a book in their own words
- Talk to your child while you are together. Use the language that works best for your child
- Set up a reward programme to encourage reading at home
- Act out stories and plays
- Encourage brothers and sisters to read to each other
- Take part in reading nights (No TV)
- Listen to CD story books
- Read items or text that has instructions, e.g. cookbooks, board game rules
- Make the initial sound, look at the picture, think what would fit and try the word

- **ITC LINKS**

- www.ictgames.com
- www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz
- www.teachyourmonstertoread.com

Writing

- Write and publish work using a computer
- Talk to your child about your/their writing
- Listen to children talk about their written activities
- Talk about famous books, what makes them good? How does the type of language help to interest the reader?
- Play a variety of word games, e.g. scrabble, crosswords and association
- Ask your child to read over their writing to find and correct mistakes
- Practise sounding out letters and words to help with spelling
- Practise writing words at home
- Notice capital letters and full stops when reading books
- Use a word card to find words to practise writing quickly
- Practise writing words on a whiteboard, or make words with plastic letters
- Play word games like 'I Spy' and write the answers by listening to the sounds
- Play matching games where sentences joined together correctly make sense
- Write stories and make cards for the family using correct punctuation
- Ask your child to write about pictures they draw or get them to tell you the story so that you can write it for them
- Listen to the sounds in unknown words and write them down
- Practise writing the Marist words on a whiteboard
- Write lists - 'Things I need for the shop', 'Games to play when I am bored'
- Encourage your child to use a variety of precise words and phrases to add information, by looking up the origin and meaning of words in a dictionary
- Write about interesting events that you have been to and share with family members
- Encourage your child to underline spelling attempts to check at a later time
- Get your child to make accurate attempts at unknown words by saying the word out loud and writing down every sound they can hear
- Write about topics that really interest your child and write in styles they enjoy, e.g. comic strips, lists, poetry
- Encourage your child to read back over their written work, one sentence at a time and see if any changes could be made
- Encourage your child to experiment with punctuation when writing
- When reading together, look for interesting vocabulary to use in writing and different ways to start sentences
- Begin to use dictionary skills and talk about alphabetical order
- Ask questions about their writing so they can expand on their ideas
- Get your child to practise their letter formation, sitting letters on the line and the size of letters
- Read over written work and help your child to add interesting words to hook the reader, use a thesaurus to find 'wow' words
- Learn weekly spelling words (including high frequency words and Marist words)
- When learning to write sentences, encourage your child to put a fullstop after each idea
- **ITC LINKS**
 - www.ictgames.com
 - www.kiwikidsnews.co.nz
 - <http://www.kidzone.ws/creative-writing/book.htm>

Year 0-2 - Maths

www.ictgames.com - (good games and ideas for numeracy and literacy) Year 0-2 Year 3-4

www.mathplayground.com - (fun website, maths games to play especially good for boys) Year 0-2 Year 3-4

<http://teachmama.com/5-super-fun-ways-to-practice-math-facts/> - (interactive simple games at all levels to work on basic facts and counting) (Also has literacy activities as well) Year 0-2

www.oxfordowl.co.uk/for-home/maths-owl/expert-help--2/fun-maths-at-home# - (Some good tutorial videos and then some good games to play) Year 0-2 Year 3-4

<https://youtu.be/pLlvotqfW9I> Harry Kindergarten music videos on youtube - (Help with lots of counting songs that are lots of fun eg. counting to 100, doubles, skip counting, counting forwards and backwards) Year 0-2