

..... *Talk Read Sing Play every day!*

Using the resources in the Welcome to Kindergarten bag together...

Talking and Reading

The 3 C's of reading are:

Cuddle **C**onversation **C**hoice.



Reading daily to your child will help develop vocabulary, listening and speaking skills and an interest in books and stories.

- Read different types of stories that interest your child.
- Look at and talk about the pictures. Make connections to your child's world.
- Visit your local library and participate in library programs.

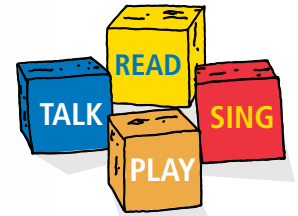


Noticing Print



Relate letters and numbers to books, objects in the home and in the environment.

- Match the magnetic letters and numbers to the template; sing the ABC song; build the child's name on the fridge, cookie sheet or placemat.
- Count items in the home (i.e. pairs of socks; numbers of forks, knives, spoons needed for a family meal)
- Match the letters and numbers to those in a book, on a cereal box or to any form of large print.
- Create patterns and sequences of colours, letters, shapes and numbers. (i.e. ababa 123 123)
- Discover what materials the magnets will attach to.



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Creative Exploration

Use the crayons, paper, glue and scissors to draw, build, cut and paste according to your child's interest and imagination. Finger control and coordination needed for creative activities will prepare your child for future printing activities.



- Encourage your child to draw and paint pictures with crayons, markers, finger paint or other fun materials, like sand and shaving cream.
- Search for and cut out pictures from old magazines and newspapers that interest your child.
- Explore different ways of attaching favourite pictures to paper or other items like a shoe box.
- Praise your child's art and post it for everyone to see.

Playdough helps children develop their imagination as well as finger control and coordination. Encourage your child to create objects, shapes, animals or letters in different colours.

Playdough recipe:

600 ml of flour (2 1/2 cups), 120 ml of salt (1/2 cup), 10 ml cream of tartar or alum (2 teaspoons), 480 ml boiling water (2 cups), 30 ml of oil (2-3 tablespoons), 2 packages unsweetened kool-aid.

1. Combine the ingredients together and stir well.
2. Knead the dough and it is ready to use.
3. Store it in a covered plastic container or zip-lock bag.

Music and Movement



All children love music and physical activities.

- Bounce, kick and catch the ball to the rhythm of the songs.
- Sing, dance, clap and count as you listen to the Welcome to Kindergarten music.

Being active with your child and talking about healthy choices helps to develop habits that will support early learning and long-term health.