

Top Tips for Success

To help prepare your child for success at school we have attached some helpful tips on literacy and numeracy.

LITERACY

READING

Read to your child as much as possible, by helping your child to enjoy listening to stories, you are helping them to.....

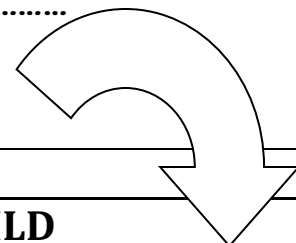
PARENT	CHILD
By discussing the idea of the story.	Learn that stories have meaning.
By modeling how to handle a book.	Learn to hold the book the right way up.
Extends oral language by talking about pictures, characters etc.	Learn to turn the pages.
Wonders what will happen next.	Know that the words are read from left to right.
	Recognise some letters/words.



WRITING

Please do not encourage your child to write in capital letters, except for the first letter in a name.

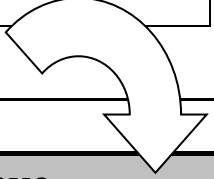
Please encourage them to form letters in lower case
By encouraging your child to experiment with drawing and writing, you are helping them to.....



PARENT	CHILD
Provide material and opportunities to draw and attempt writing.	Learn to hold a pencil, crayon etc
Models how to draw circles going around to the left. (Round letters go this way!)	Learn to control the pencil and begin getting ready to write with the correct directional movement.
Draw often and encourage drawing and discussing content of drawings. Encourage drawing lines as another useful preparation for forming letters/writing. Tall letters start at the top and go down.	Learn to express themselves and communicate ideas through drawing and writing. Learn to experiment with different shapes and begin to attempt writing.
Write your child's name.	Learn to recognise, copy and identify their own name.
Link letter names to sounds. This is more important than just learning the names of the alphabet.	Learn that letters have sounds attached to them.

MATHEMATICAL SKILLS AND LANGUAGE

Bringing maths into everyday life and using mathematical language is a good way to start your child on the path to understanding numbers, and concepts. You will be helping your child to.....



Parent	Child
Talk about numbers in the world around you; letterboxes, phone numbers etc	Learn that numbers have meaning.
Singing counting songs and rhymes.	Learn to count forwards and backwards.
Use language like <i>too big, too long, smaller etc</i>	Learn to sort and categorise things according to size.
Point out and discuss patterns.	Learn about shapes and the concept of patterns.

Additional Skills that will help at school:-

- I can dress myself
- I can go to the toilet by myself
- I can look after my belongings
- I can use scissors
- I can jump, skip and hop
- I can play with other children
- I can take turns
- I can ask for help
- I can write my own name in lower case
- I can count to 20



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Pre School Pack

This pack is designed to help 4½ to 5 year olds get ready for school.

We also give the opportunity for your child to visit and spend a couple of ½ days with us as well as a couple of full days during the weeks leading up to them starting school. This allows them to see what school is all about and meet the children and class teacher in a friendly classroom setting. By participating in these pre-school visits your child will have the opportunity to develop a relationship with the teacher and gain confidence in the school environment.

Just give us a call and we will happily arrange a pre-school visit for your child.

What you will find in this pack:-

- Waiotira School Prospectus
- Enrolment Form
- Immunisation Certificate
- Top Tips for success at school
- Information from the Public Health Nurse re:-
 - Immunisation
 - Common Childhood bugs
 - Headlice Facts