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Tips for parents to aid development of Language/Literacy skills.

Third & Fourth Class

Developing Oral Language

1. Set aside 5 minutes to discuss the day's happenings
2. Encourage your child to express and justify opinions.
3. Talk about the child's favourite TV programme.
4. Play language games which focus on words i.e. scrabble, cross-words.
5. Encourage your child to talk about experiences with a wide range of people, peers, relations and older adults.
6. Encourage your child to give different reasons for decisions.
7. Encourage your child to listen courteously to the opinions of others.
8. Talk about school topics and assignments.

Writing with your Child

1. Look for opportunities for purposeful writing activities at home—writing greeting cards, notes, telephone messages.
2. Encourage your child to use a word processor / computer.
3. Provide a quiet writing / study area for your child well equipped with pencils & paper
4. Support your child's spelling attempts.
5. Encourage him/her to have a go at spelling difficult words.
6. Make sure your child has a dictionary to help with writing.
7. Help your child fill in personal details on forms etc..

Reading with your Child

1. Encourage your child to read to younger brothers & sisters.
2. Ensure that your child knows that you value and enjoy reading yourself.
3. Make sure there is a wide variety of reading material in your home – newspapers, magazines, information, cookery books etc.
4. Enrol and encourage your child to visit the library one a week.
5. Discuss favourite authors.
6. Encourage your child to read articles / headlines in newspapers
7. Encourage your child to guess unknown words.
8. Praise your child's efforts