

A strong, positive home and school partnership is a vital ingredient of any child's education. It is imperative that there is a joint vision; that the learning goals for your child are shared and supported. Constructive relationships between teachers, children and parents assist in fostering an enthusiasm for learning. Authentic experiences, such as those suggested in this brochure, help to reinforce skills and strategies. You, as parents, have the role as co-educators in a partnership where "Learning for Life" is continuous process.

Sunnyhills' learners will be independent, articulate thinkers, able to take risks and solve problems. They will be highly literate and numerate and be connected through effective use of ICT in a changing, global society.

SUNNYHILLS SCHOOL

SUPPORTING YOUR CHILD'S LEARNING AT HOME



Learning for life

Year 3

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHEMATICS AT HOME – YEAR 3

Talk together and have fun with numbers and patterns

Help your child:

- Name the number that is before or after a given number
- Name the number that is 10 more or 10 less than a given number
- Skip count forwards and backwards, starting with different numbers (e.g. 13, 23, 33, 43 ..., ... 43, 33, 23, 13)
- Try making different types of patterns
- Do addition and subtraction problems in their heads
- Use groups of 10 and add to 100
- Talk positively about mathematics

Use easy, everyday activities

Involve your child in:

- Telling the time – analogue and digital, o'clock, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{1}{4}$ past
- Begin learning their times tables starting with 2 x 5 x 10 x and basic facts.
- Remembering important telephone numbers
- Helping at the supermarket

For wet afternoons/school holidays/weekends

Get together with your child and:

- Play games that involve numbers e.g. board or card games
- Make your own advertising pamphlet
- Measure the growth of plants
- Fold and cut out repeating shapes
- Make a map with clues
- Describe a route e.g. from the kitchen to their bedroom, from home to school
- Time activities and count the number of repetitions
- Play guess and check games

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH WRITING AT HOME – YEAR 3

Writing for fun

- Talk about interesting words with your child
- Work together on word games
- Make up a story together
- Make up a play with your child

Writing for a reason

- Encourage your child to write thank you cards, type emails, postcards or write and post small notes and write in Google docs
- Encourage your child to list what they need to pack for holiday or to go grocery shopping or jobs that you might need to remember

Supporting your child's writing

- Be a role model by showing your child that you write for all sorts of reasons and let them see you enjoying writing
- Talk to your child about what you are writing
- Display your child's writing where others can admire and read it
- Discuss interesting or new words to help increase the words your child uses when they write

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH READING AT HOME – YEAR 3

Make reading fun

- Sing along to karaoke songs or play board games together
- Have a variety of reading materials at home
- Encourage your child to retell favourite stories
- Read to your child everyday

Make it real

- Help them to relate what they read about to their own lives
- Look for opportunities for your child to read wherever you are – signs, advertisements etc.
- Be a role model. Make sure they see you reading magazines, books, newspapers

Find out together

- Visit the library often and help your child to choose books
- Ask your child questions about what they have read
- Help your child to clarify any words that they don't understand

*Please also refer to Ministry website:
www.minedu.govt.nz/parentssupportingyourchild
Please note the link at the bottom of each year level
page for extra support*