

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



Year 4

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH MATHEMATICS AT HOME – YEAR 4

Talk together and have fun with numbers and patterns

Help your child:

- Count forwards and backwards (starting with numbers like 998, 999, 1,000, 1,001, 1,002 then back again)
- Make patterns when counting – forwards and backwards, starting with different numbers
- Explore patterns
- See patterns in the numbers in their times tables
- Being positive about mathematics is really important for your child's learning

Use easy, everyday activities

Involve your child in:

- Make lunch or a meal for a party or a hui
- Helping at the supermarket – choose items to weigh
- Check on the amount of sugar or salt per serving
- Telling the time – analogue and digital, o'clock, $\frac{1}{2}$, $\frac{3}{4}$ past
- Reading together – help them look for numbers and mathematics ideas

For wet afternoons/school holidays/weekends

Get together with your child and:

- Play card and board games that use guessing and checking
- Look at junk mail – which is the best value? Ask your child what they would buy if they had \$10/\$100/\$1,000 to spend
- Cook or bake – use measuring cups, spoons ($\frac{1}{2}$ and $\frac{1}{4}$ teaspoon) and scales
- Create a repeating pattern
- Discuss the way your child is learning to solve mathematics problems. (It may be different to when you were at school). Get them to show you how they do it and support them in their learning

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH WRITING AT HOME – YEAR 4

Writing for fun

- Write about heroes, sports events, tipuna (ancestors), hobbies and interests
- Help your child to write in Google docs, do code crackers, word puzzles, crosswords, word finds
- Make up a story or think of a pakiwaitara (legend) and act it out
- Encourage your child to write, email and publish or print for pleasure
- Keep writing fun and use any excuse you can think of to encourage your child to write about anything, any time

Writing for a reason

- Get your child to help write the shopping list, invitation lists for family events, menus for special dinners, thank-you cards when someone does something nice
- Have a special place to keep your child's writing at home (notice board, fridge, folder)
- Be a role model. Show your child that you write for all sorts of reasons

Talk about your child's writing

- Get your child to talk about their writing and share it
- Play word games together
- Play with words. Think of interesting words and discuss new ones
- Talk about what your child writes. Be interested

HELPING YOUR CHILD WITH READING AT HOME – YEAR 4

Read and talk together

- Get your child to tell you about what they are reading. Who is their favourite character and why?
- Help your child with words they don't understand
- Read recipes, instructions, manuals, maps, diagrams, signs and emails
- Talk a lot to your child while you are doing things together. Use the language that works best for you and your child

Read with others

- If your child has chosen something to read that is too hard at the moment, take turns and read it together
- Read to younger brothers or sisters, whanau or grandparents
- Encourage other family members to read to and with your child
- Play board games and card games

Take your child to the library

- Help your child to choose a variety of books they want to read
- Help them look for books about topics they're learning about at school
- Get your child to choose a book that you can read to them
- Encourage your child to retell favourite stories
- Help your child link stories to their own life

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