

GUIDELINES FOR PARENTS SHARED TO SUPPORT YOUNG CHILDREN IN CONTINUING PRACTICE IN READING AND MATHS TO REINFORCE LEARNING:

GUIDELINES FOR ENHANCING INTEREST IN READING:

- Encourage oral-aural skills.
- Read stories and poems to children and ask them to read it back to you.
- Encourage them to read stories and listen to poetry. Let them read it out or recite it in front of you.
- Surround children with reading materials.
- Encourage wide variety of reading activities.
- Encourage them to look up for new words from the dictionary daily and make sentences with them later on.
- Encourage “Reading Circles”.
- Help them choose age-appropriate books.
- Let them read the genres they are interested in.
- Encourage them to frame stories and compose poems on their own. Appreciate their creativity.
- Teach them phonemic awareness.
- Listen to when your child read stories or recite poems to you. Appreciate them.

- Ask them reflective questions after reading stories or poems.
- Make them e-library members and encourage them to read e-books or listen to audio books. Ask them to repeat what they have read or heard.
- Encourage creative writing.
- Make reading a regular activity at home.

GUIDELINES FOR ENHANCING INTEREST IN MATHEMATICS:

- Help children in understanding mathematical concepts.
- Help them to refresh memory of forgotten concepts at regular intervals.
- Encourage children to practice “Mental Maths”. This helps reinforce concepts quickly.
- Encourage them to find and identify different shapes in their surroundings to encourage geometric knowledge.
- Encourage them to tackle more than just assigned problems.
- Connect maths with real-life situations for better understanding.
- Try math drills and flash cards to encourage speed calculations.
- Encourage them to read word problems aloud. Make them repeat and draw pictures for each problem.

- Encourage the use of “Number Line” at home and it will reinforce what is being taught in classroom. It will help children be independent in thinking about numbers.
- Practice sample sums before approaching the assignments.
- Parents need to familiarize themselves with the learning standards of the child.
- Sit and solve math home-works together.
- Help them pay attention to details.
- Play “Math Games” at home.

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