

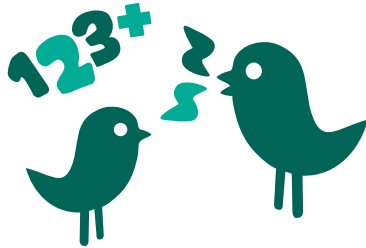


More Than Kindergarten! School Readiness Too!

At Only About Children we are busy preparing your child for school and would like to support families with some ideas on things you can do at home to ensure your child is prepared to have a great start at school!

LITERACY & LANGUAGE: Following Instructions

Learning how to follow instructions helps children to function effectively across different environments. You can help your child practice this skill by:



- Encouraging them to follow simple 2-3 step instructions during daily activities. For example: put your hat in your bag and then put your bag in your room.
- Playing games like "Simon Says". Instead of "Simon says touch your nose" try 2 step instructions such as "Simon says touch your nose and then rub your tummy" and then increase to 3 step instructions.

EXPLORATION & STEM: Technology

You can use technology to help your child to investigate their school and prompt questions and conversations by:

- Searching together for the school on Google Maps.
- Look up the school website together.

Ask your child:

- What do you recognise from your visit?
- What similarities and differences can you see between the school and your Kindergarten?

Observe what is your child noticing? What questions are they asking?



SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT: Orientation

Most schools start their orientation visits in November. Whilst on the visit with your child:

- Take photos of the buildings and playgrounds to revisit and talk about together at home.
- Your child might like to share these pictures with their grandparents or other family members.
- Share the photos with your child's educator via Storypark.

