

Speak, Read and Write with Me!

What are you doing?"

I'm making a card for Grandma like the one in this story book. I want to say "Thank you, Grandma, I love you!" T-a-n-k y-o-o..

Great effort to spell. You're sounding the words 'thank you' to write them!

How can I encourage my child to express his/her ideas and thoughts through speaking and writing?

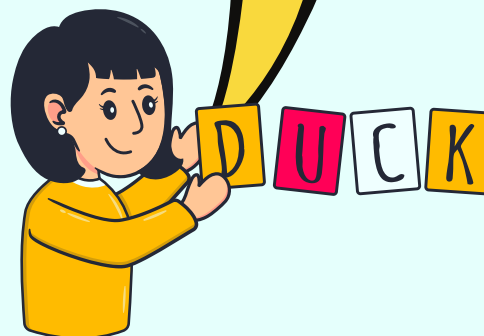
DID YOU KNOW?



- As children converse with others and enjoy books, they pick up new vocabulary and recognise individual sounds in words. These skills lay the foundation for reading and writing.
- Children should be confident in expressing their thoughts and ideas in speaking and writing. It's more than just getting the perfect sentence!
- As children learn to spell, they may creatively spell unfamiliar words based on the sounds they hear. This is called "invented spelling" and is a natural process they go through when learning to spell.

Children cannot be rushed to perfect their penmanship skills. Handwriting development may differ from child to child. It depends on factors like core and finger muscle development, hand's bone structure and eye-hand coordination.

When children spell incorrectly, you can still affirm them if they tried spelling based on the sounds they hear. With repeated exposure to words, children will eventually learn how to spell accurately.



TIPS FOR PARENTS!

Here are some tips on how you can help nurture your child's love for language and literacy:

Create a print-rich environment that promotes curiosity and engagement with the language. Surround your child with a variety of reading and writing materials. Display charts and posters, label household items, keep an array of books and writing tools accessible.



Foster a love for reading. Make daily reading a shared adventure. Explore using props like puppets to enrich the reading experience. You can also retell and create new stories or alternative endings together.

NLE early literacy practices and books



MOE Youtube (Reading with your child)



Nurture eye-hand coordination and fine motor skills.

Support handwriting development through daily activities at home like dressing and undressing without help, peeling a banana or sweeping the floor with a broom.



Encourage self-expression. Provide meaningful opportunities for your child to express their thoughts and feelings through writing, drawing, journalling, crafting or labelling. Embrace their 'invented spelling' as a sign of learning!



Keep it joyful. Every child's language learning journey is unique! Focus on making language learning fun. Praise their use of new words in daily situations. Avoid excessive practising and testing to maintain your child's enthusiasm for language learning.

