Mooloolah State School

BELONGING INTEGRITY GROWTH

Preparing 4 Prep



Please remember...

Children grow and develop differently and often at different rates.

If you have any concerns about your child's development in speech or oral language or other developmental milestones, please discuss your concerns with your Pre-Prep provider (Kindy/Day Care), your GP or other relevant personnel.

Please use the information in this booklet as a springboard for ideas on how you can assist in preparing your child for Prep at Mooloolah.

If you are in need of other information please talk to us.



Chatter Check

Encourage your child to:

Speak in clear sentences with most sounds clearly audible to strangers.

Retell stories or events - who, what, when and where

Make eye contact

Maintain conversation or topic and take turns speaking

Control volume and pace

Express how they feel or what they want or need verbally using words

Make their needs known, use appropriate greetings and respond verbally when spoken to



If you have any concerns regarding your child's speech development, you should seek advice from your GP, Community Health, Allied Health or a Private Speech Language Pathologist

Count & Tell

Some ideas for preparing your child:

- Count items to 10 accurately. Use the **Puppy Treats** game to count tokens.

- Count or make groups of objects and recognise numbers to 10.



- Understand math concepts
  More, less, take, add, day, night, morning, afternoon, big, small, short, tall, near, far, heavy, light

- Use the **Shapes worksheet** to name and draw basic shapes.



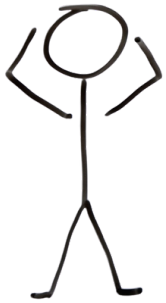
- Name basic colours

- Demonstrate positional language, use our **Preposition of Place** worksheet to learn:
  On, off, beside, in under, between, out, all except one.

Read & Write

Some ideas for preparing your child:

- Say their alphabet aloud. Trace letters on the **Practice your alphabet** worksheet for both uppercase and lowercase letters.
- Know the names of some letters.
- Write their first name
- Describe what's happening in various pictures with some detail.
  E.g. The girl is hugging a teddy OR The girl is hugging her teddy because it is soft and cuddly.
- Draw a person with some acuracy



Sesame Street has lots of fun interactive activities!



MOVE & DO

Some ideas for preparing your child for school:

- Hold & use pencils and crayons
- Attempt to use scissors and glue, experiment with paint and construction
- Thread small objects onto string
- Organise their belongings, know where things go, follow basic instructions and routines
- Put on & take off their hat, shoes and jumper – zips, buttons, Velcro etc. Open/Close bags, lunchbox, containers, packets, etc.
- Walk in a straight line, one foot in front of the other, forwards and backwards
- Practice hopping and skipping
- Kick and catch a ball
- Sit with their legs crossed
- Use the toilet independently and wash their hands

Regulating Feelings



Talk to your child about feelings. These are important and they need to be able to regulate their feelings. Let them know it's ok to be mad, but it's not ok to be mean. There are different strategies you can try such as taking a break, talking about it and 5 finger breathing .



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