What is news today?

Parent Corner

In Active learning@Home we are focusing today on the importance of listening as an important skill in communication.

In mathematics, we will be looking at digits and the parts that numbers are made of. Today’s play activity will be real fun and will allow your child to use her imagination.

Book of the day

A day to remember is a book about a girl named Hope and how her day does not quite work out as planned.

Download this book (it’s free) on your smart phone: https://malibali.org/story-library/multilingual-stories/day-to-remember

It is available in English/isiXhosa/ Afrikaans / isiZulu / isiNdebele / Sepeedi / Sesotho / Setswana / Xitsonga / Tsivive / SiSwati

Online Resources

FREE online applications (Apps) recognised by the Department of Basic Education (linked to the curriculum) are available.

2Enable register here: https://www.2enable.org/

Also visit the DBE’s Cloud at: https://dbecloud.org.za.

Listening is an important skill that one needs to develop as part of the ability to communicate. In this activity your child will practice how to listen. He will then provide feedback on his understanding of what he has heard.

Ask your child to watch the news on television, or listen to the news on the radio for a few minutes. Listen to the news with him, as you will need to ask some questions about what he has seen or heard.

Afterwards, ask him to tell you what the main issues were. Listen carefully to see if he has it correct and whether he understood. Continue to ask questions about things that he perhaps left out and talk about what he heard.

If there is anything that he misunderstood from the news, assist him to understand this better.

This not only helps to improve his listening skills, but also provides you with an opportunity to talk about interesting things with your child.

You can do this activity often.

Learning together is FUN

Listen to the news

Understanding digits

Numeral are the names or symbols that are used for numbers, for example twelve and 12. A digit is the word we use for the symbol (number) that is used to make numerals. For example, the numeral 9 has one digit, the numeral 53 has two digits [5 and 3] and the numeral 143 has 3 digits [100, 40 and 3].

The following activity will assist your child to understand how this works. Cut 15 rectangles and ten triangles from pieces of paper. A rectangle represents 10 and a triangle 1. This will assist your child to learn about digits and what they mean. Write down the number 58 and ask your child what the value of the digit 5 is in this number [answer is 50]. Make sure your child understands this before you do the adding of 2-digit numbers. Next ask the value of the digit 6 [answer is 6]. Ask him to pack this out with the paper shapes as in the example below.

Remember not to rush him, because he may need time to understand how this works. If you see him struggling, please repeat the step again before moving on to the next step.

Repeat the same exercise with the numbers 117, 76, 11, 89.

I am an artist. This game will be great fun and will also allow your child to explore and be creative. Your child needs to imagine that she is a famous artist and is asked to create a piece of art. The problem is that she has lost all her pens, pencils, crayons, paint and other materials and she cannot get new ones in time. She must now create an artwork using her imagination and waste materials. She has 3 hours to finish the artwork before it will be exhibited (you can arrange a time with the rest of the family to come and look at the exhibition).

Remember to keep it PLAYFUL and FUN. That is how children learn.

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