

Active learning@Home provides parents and caregivers with easy-to-do CAPS-based activities per Grade to support their children's learning at home

Shapes are everywhere

Parent Corner

The focus for **Grade 9** today is to assist your child with his or her expression in words in a safe and fun way, while also looking at the interesting world of shapes and what we can do with them. Most importantly, have fun and play the game which uses recyclable materials around the house with your children and the rest of the family.

Book of the day

The Bogey Beast is a light-hearted book about a woman who finds a pot of treasure on the road while she is returning from work. Delighted with her luck, she decides to keep it.

As she is taking it home, it keeps changing. Read the book to find out what happens next.



Download this book (it's free) on your smart phone:
<https://americanliterature.com/childrens-stories/the-bogey-beast>

Online Resources



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

These provide support materials in all languages for several Grades.

2Enable register here:

<https://www.2enable.org/>

Also visit the DBE's Cloud at:

<https://dbecloud.org.za>

Learning together is FUN

Do the following activities with your child. They are linked to the work that he or she is already doing in class. In this way you help him or her to stay up to date with his or her learning.

My Diary

Writing is an important part of expression in a child's development, as this allows him or her to **express his or her thoughts, ideas and emotions**. Your child may be feeling very emotional during the COVID-19 lockdown period. This can also be very challenging to you as a parent.

A diary is a wonderful way to express and share emotions in a safe way. Assist your child to do this. First, before he starts writing, let him make a diary (from paper or an old exercise books) and decorate the diary. Encourage him to be creative.

Explain to your child that he should start by entering today's date, and begin with 'Dear Diary'. Then your child can write what he is experiencing and feeling during this period. It does not have to be long, but he needs to try and do it every day. To assist your child, give some questions that will guide his writing, for example: Do you feel happy or sad today?

What makes your day most exciting?
 What do you fear the most?

This activity is a nice way to practice the writing skill of expression, while your child also expresses his or her experiences during these times.

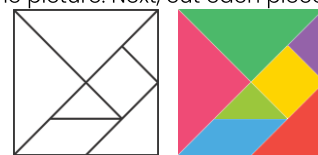


Fun with shapes

Shapes are everywhere. Today you will assist your child to discover how shapes are used in our everyday lives and why shapes are important. Ask your child to look around the house and see how many different shapes there are, for example a television, cellphone, table, chair and other objects around you are made up of different shapes.

Let him make a **Tangram**. It is a square divided into seven pieces as in the picture. It can be arranged to match different designs.

First let him cut a square from paper or cardboard. Then draw 7 shapes inside as indicated in the picture. Next, cut each piece out so that there are 7 pieces. Your child can colour the different pieces or draw patterns on them.



Then ask him to look at the 'black and white' or shadow pictures and ask him to build these (one at a time) using all seven pieces for each figure. Tangrams are an excellent way to develop logic with shapes.

Play today

Tin-pin-bowling is a fun game that you and your child can play indoors or outdoors. To play our part to save the planet (to be 'green') collect any empty cans around you.



Fill them with sand or stones and even decorate them for extra colour. Stack up the cans to form a pyramid.

Stand a short distance away from the tin-pyramid and use a small stone or a ball and see if you can knock them down all at once. Each player should only get 2 throws at a time.

This fun activity not only releases stress but also develops a child's concentration and spatial skills (how far apart things are).

Healthy Habits

Be active – **PLAY** every day



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