

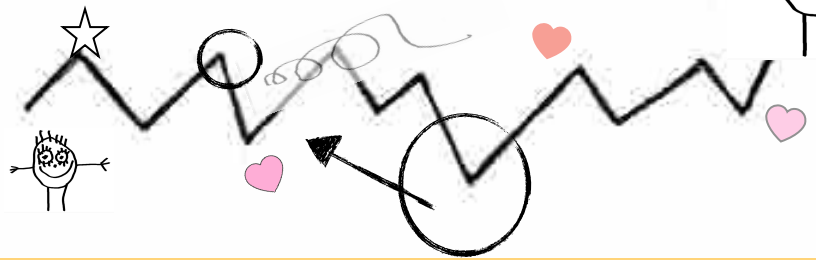


Dear Parents,

You've got this! There is not a race to learning. You do not need to pick up where your child's teacher has left off. Your child's intellectual and academic learning is not at risk. Learning and development is a long and fluid process. Remember that all of our children are in the same boat. When your child returns to school their teachers will pick up and move on from where they are at. If your child has been given school-based tasks to complete, avoid the 'battle ground' and give them options and support to do this. Everyday life offers so many opportunities for our children to develop their language and communication skills. Spoken language is our greatest asset in future learning. Learning at home is as easy as 1,2,3; talking, playing and sharing story. Plus, daily chores and responsibilities of course! The activities we suggest offer a pleasure bridge to future reading and writing. Have fun and reassure your children that life will return to normal, that they are loved and safe and that we are all doing the right thing to look after each other. Arohanui families.

Listening to stories can put the whole brain to work.

Progress is full of twists and turns, ups and downs, backtracks and side-loops. I promise you're doing great.



"He mana tō te kupu"
"Words have great power"

Writing

Reading

Speaking

Listening

Learning at Home - Make a Daily Plan

	Early to rise... Wake up your body & mind. Make you bed, open a window, pick up laundry. Eat breakfast.	Keeping an early morning routine is good discipline. You do not need a tight schedule with high expectation of 'school work'. Involve you child in running the household and planning their day.
	Get out and about.... Morning exercise / walk dog Buy a newspaper. Wave to a neighbour.	Our wellbeing is supported when we move. Plan daily exercise and outdoor adventures. Look for bears!
	My big imagination.....	Playing with your child helps to develop their spoken language and thinking. 'Think like an adult, play like a child.' Then they will be able to extend their periods of free-play.
	Lets make it.....	Arts and crafts, construction and design are all ways in which to explore ideas, imagine, and think about our world. The mind is often relaxed and distracted when absorbed in these activities..
	Read to me, with me...	Reading to your child gifts them language and ideas and takes them to magical worlds. Children who are read to quite simply do better in school and in life.
	Ready, steady cook....	The life skill of planning, budgeting and preparing a meal makes every parent a teacher and every child a chef.
	All together.... board games, watch tv, talk, snuggle up with a book. Make a plan for the next day.	Shared family time around a board game, listening to music, watching a tv show/movie together, and reading makes your child feel secure.

Reading and writing float on a sea of talk



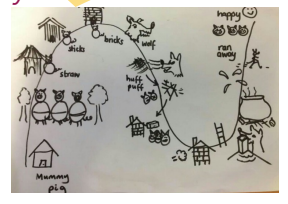
Even when we are keeping our distance from others, we can enjoy our outdoor world. **KEEP MOVING!**



Read Read Reading to with alone

Relax & listen to an audio book. Or listen and watch along with...
<https://watch.vooks.com/>
<https://www.tvnz.co.nz/shows/goodnight-kiwi>

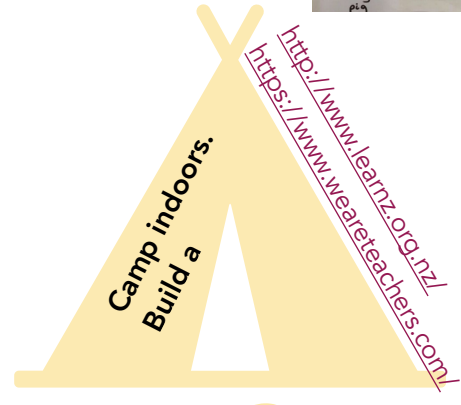
Imagine a story. Draw a story...



Pack for an imaginary journey.



Turn a favourite story into a play for your family to watch.

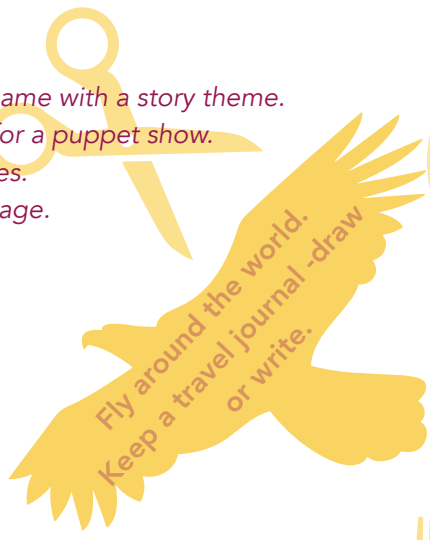


Camp indoors. Build a

<http://www.learnz.org.nz/>
<https://www.wearereachers.com/>

Make a board game with a story theme.
Make puppets for a puppet show.
Paint story stones.
Build a story village.

Arts & Crafts

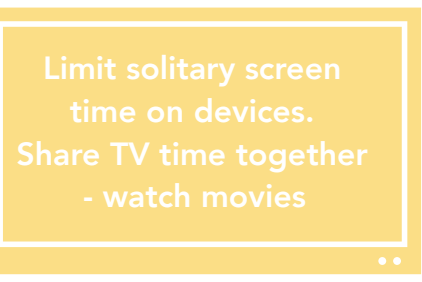


Fly around the world. Keep a travel journal -draw or write.



Write your family pet into a great voyage & return story.

Sing & Dance
Learn to sing
maths X Tables.
Change the words of a song.



Limit solitary screen time on devices. Share TV time together - watch movies

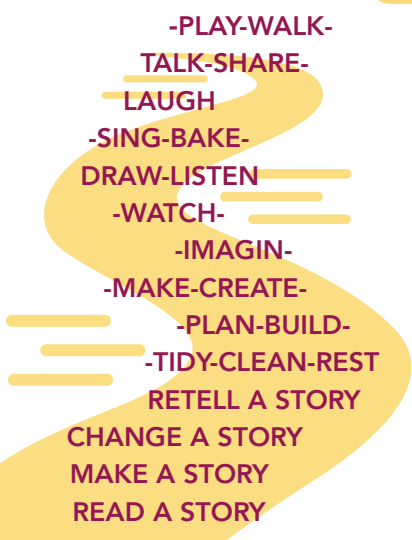


Baking and cooking to help feed your family.



Plan a meal. Write a shopping list. Make a menu. Name and open your restaurant.

Record a news broadcast.
Breaking news. Today Jack has made his bed, walked the dog and helped to prepare dinner. Mr & Mrs Beanstalk are hoping this



-PLAY-WALK-TALK-SHARE-LAUGH -SING-BAKE-DRAW-LISTEN -WATCH- -IMAGIN- -MAKE-CREATE- -PLAN-BUILD- -TIDY-CLEAN-REST RETELL A STORY CHANGE A STORY MAKE A STORY READ A STORY



Listen to a story, Read & Sleep