A Parent’s Guide to

**STELLAR: STRATEGIES FOR ENGLISH LANGUAGE LEARNING AND READING**

English Language Curriculum for Primary Schools in Singapore
The STELLAR Vision

Children who
- love reading
- have a strong foundation in the English Language
**STELLAR IS DIFFERENT BECAUSE...**

- English language learning is achieved through:
  - 😊 **vocabulary learned from books**
  - 😊 **expression of thoughts** in oral and written forms
  - 😊 **discussions** with other children and the teacher
  - 😊 informal **peer interaction**
EACH STELLAR UNIT INCLUDES...

- **Focused Reading using Big Books**
  - 😊 reading for enjoyment
  - 😊 reading for knowledge
EACH STELLAR UNIT INCLUDES...

- **Key Teaching Points**
  - Happy concepts about print: *(spacing between words, reading from left to right, punctuation)*
  - Happy vocabulary *(meaning of words, phrases)*
  - Happy word identification activities *(spelling patterns, letter-sound relationships)*
  - Happy grammar *(present tense, past tense, singular/plural forms)*
Each STELLAR Unit includes…

- Development of the six language skills
  - 😊 listening
  - 😊 speaking
  - 😊 reading
  - 😊 writing
  - 😊 viewing
  - 😊 representing
Each **STELLAR** Unit includes...

- Development of social skills:
  - 😊 oral interaction among peers in non-threatening situations
  - 😊 working in partnership with other children
  - 😊 turn taking & respect for others during class discussions
Each STELLAR Unit includes...

- Independent learning
  - 😊 individual reading
  - 😊 individual writing
  - 😊 working at learning centres
STELLAR CURRICULUM

- It is in line with the 2010 EL Syllabus.
- Its aim is to move learners towards independence using quality children’s books and activities that motivate and engage young learners.
Why Books?

Books:
- open up the world for children
- help children think and wonder
- increase children’s vocabulary and knowledge about the world around them
- provide good examples for reading and writing
BOOKS THAT INTEREST CHILDREN HAVE...

- clear print and colourful, attractive illustrations or photographs
- a strong storyline
- interesting characters
- are about everyday life
- are repetitive and have rhyming words to help children remember words
HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD

- Go to the library together (register your child as a member of NLB)
- Have lots of books, magazines and newspapers in your home
- Give your child books about their special interests
HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD

- Allow your child to choose books to read and reread
- **Read** to and with your child (or, have your child read to you)
  - Remember that reading in a mother tongue language also fosters a love for books and knowledge
- **Talk** about the books and their characters that your child has read
SOME LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR CHILD INCLUDE...

- Playing language games like word scavenger hunt (looking for a word in print materials)
- Reading aloud a book and asking your child to identify words beginning with the same sound, for example, ‘p’ – pancake, pick, put, police, pat, etc.
SOME LANGUAGE ACTIVITIES YOU CAN DO WITH YOUR CHILD INCLUDE...

- Helping your child learn more interesting words by thinking of new words to replace known words, for example, ‘big’ – huge, enormous, large, gigantic, etc

- Getting your child to retell a story to you in his or her own words

- Suggesting that your child give a different ending to the story read
Recommended Books

In the national English language curriculum (EL Syllabus 2010), which was implemented in 2010 at Primary 1 and 2, our primary schools no longer use prescribed textbooks. Instead they are issued with ministry-produced materials, including children's books and texts written for children for use during shared and supported reading in class and, hence, not recommended for use at home.

To supplement the curriculum, schools can create their own materials or adopt the additional materials approved by MOE. These are listed under ‘Optional Enrichment Material’ of the Approved Textbook List (ATL).
For more information, please refer to:
www.stellarliteracy.sg

Recommended Book List:
http://www.stellarliteracy.sg/cos/o.x?c=/wbn/pagetree&func=view&rid=1143648

OR

http://www.stellarliteracy.sg/wbn-slot/u3245/Resources%20for%20parents/NLB_Joy%20of%20Reading_web.pdf
Thank you for your **TIME**

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Happy Reading with your Child!