PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR PRIMARY 1
DEVELOPMENTS IN PRIMARY EDUCATION

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9paLbNR2zWg
AIMS OF PRIMARY EDUCATION

• Lay a strong foundation
• Nurture well-rounded individuals and passionate lifelong learners
• Prepare the child for the future
PREPARING OUR YOUNG FOR THE FUTURE

21st Century Competencies – Balancing knowledge with skills and values
PRIMARY EDUCATION

• Formative years
• Early stages of learning
• Discovering talents and abilities
WE WANT OUR CHILDREN TO BE

• Confident
• Self-directed learners
• Active contributors
• Concerned citizens
TRANSITING TO PRIMARY 1

• A smooth transition is made when your child:
  o feels safe and comfortable in their new environment.
  o is able to manage the daily challenges of school life.
HOW CAN I PREPARE MY CHILD FOR PRIMARY 1?

• Relating to others
• Developing good habits
• Nurturing positive learning attitudes
• Creating a conducive learning environment at home
What are the tasks that my child should be able to do independently?

- Personal hygiene eg. going to the toilet, hand washing, tying shoe laces, buttoning his/her shirt/blouse
- Look out for traffic
- Organising school bag
- Counting money and receiving change
- Asking for permission
LET'S HEAR FROM OUR STUDENTS

Henry Park Primary School
Proudly Presents
FOR YOU & YOUR CHILD

PARENT-CHILD ACTIVITY BOOK

Tips & Activities for a Great Start to Primary School
WHAT'S INSIDE?
RELATING TO OTHERS

Build your child’s interpersonal skills by:

• Modelling the use of friendly and polite phrases
  • “Hello! My name is... what is your name?”
  • “May I please...”

• Providing opportunities for your child to share and take turns during playtime with other children.

• Teaching them coping mechanisms (e.g. deep breaths, quiet corner, stop-think-do) to enable them to manage their emotions.
DEVELOPING GOOD HABITS

Routines help children learn to manage themselves.

Guide your child to do the following independently:

- Keep to a regular bedtime
- Make healthy food choices
- Pack their bag
- Dress themselves
- Buying food at the canteen
NURTURING POSITIVE LEARNING ATTITUDES

Developing the right learning attitude in your child will help them to transit smoothly into the learning routines in primary school.

You can encourage your child to:

• Ask questions about their experiences and the world around them.
• Express their thoughts and feelings about and discuss what can be done if they have worries.
• Practice life skills independently (e.g. buy food and drink on their own, ask for permission etc).
CREATING A CONDUCIVE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT AT HOME

Set up a conducive home environment so that your child can learn both at home and in school:

- Encourage your child to learn English and their Mother Tongue, through picture books, language games or songs.
- Set aside space in your home where your child can read and finish their homework.
Guidelines for School-Home Partnership
Our children do best when schools and parents work hand in hand to support them. Here are some tips to make this happen.
https://tinyurl.com/guidelinessh

360-degree Video of the Primary School Experience
This video will immerse you in a typical day at school and show you what lies ahead in your child's reading lesson, an action-packed experience, buying food at the canteen, and more. You can watch the video at home and have a child's eyes view of the primary school and get an idea of what to expect.
https://tinyurl.com/360-video

Let's Talk About...
From parents to parents. This series shares tried and tested strategies parents have used to teach their child about making friends, independence and responsibility, communication and more!
https://tinyurl.com/letstalkabt

How to help your child become bilingual
Encouraging your child to be bilingual might not be easy but it doesn't have to be boring. Here are five tips for parents — including monolingual ones — to create a conducive environment for your child to learn a new language.
https://tinyurl.com/become-bilingual

Raising Readers Toolkit
This booklet presents an invaluable opportunity for parents of lower primary children to learn how to instil a love of reading in our children at home.
https://tinyurl.com/discoverreads

How Do You Praise?
Are there better ways to praise our children? Research shows that praising our children effectively can help to increase their confidence, motivation and engagement in learning. Watch this video to find out more!
https://tinyurl.com/how-do-you-praise

Social Skills
Social skills can enable your child to interact with others in ways that are socially acceptable, as well as personally and mutually beneficial, or beneficial to others. Practise these specific skills to prepare your child for P1.
https://tinyurl.com/social-skills

Preparing Your Child For A New School – A Resource Kit for Parents of Children with Additional Needs
Going to a new school can be both an exciting and worrisome experience for you and your child, especially for a child with additional needs. This booklet aims to give you an idea of what to expect and how to prepare your child to cope with the transition.
http://www.moe.gov.sg/transition-support
FROM A PARENT

Go to the link:
https://tinyurl.com/y7p6c85k
FOR YOU & YOUR CHILD

360-DEGREE PRIMARY SCHOOL EXPERIENCE VIDEO

'Wander' through school, talk to your child about the exciting days ahead
Follow P1 student Charmaine through her day at school.
INTERACT

Look around the school. Peek into classrooms. Explore the canteen. Re-watch it to find other little corners you may have missed the first time.
As you 'wander' with your child, share your school memories. Is there anything your child is worried or confused about? Use this video to talk through their concerns and questions, so they are excited about the big day.
HOW TO WATCH

Go to the link (via a computer):
https://tiny.cc/moe360

To enjoy the 360 experience,

If you are viewing it on a computer, click and drag around the video to look left and right.

If you are viewing it on your mobile devices (smart phone/tablet), swivel the device to look left and right.
HAVE FUN WITH YOUR CHILD!
SUPPORT A HEALTHY LIFESTYLE

Ensure your child has:

• Sufficient sleep
• A balanced diet
• Unstructured play
• Outdoor activities in the day
AFFIRM YOUR CHILD

- Recognise small successes
- Praise the process, not the person
- Focus on the efforts, not the outcomes
SPEND TIME CHATTING

• Empathise with your child’s emotions and understand his/her needs
• Talk about fond memories of your primary school days
• Ask about your child’s thoughts and feelings about school
• Discuss challenges and worries together
WHAT'S IN FOR ME?

Join Henry Park Parents’ Association (HPPA)

HPPA is a non-profit making Society with the objectives of benefiting Henry Park Primary School (HPPS) students, the School and its members. It consists of a group of dedicated parents who partner the school to support fellow parents in nurturing their children.

It is the platform for parents to network, share, learn and support each other in this parenting journey.

Some of the initiatives of HPPA include:

• Supporting the school in school events
• Reading Mums (Tuesdays)
• ECCA
OUR PARTNERS IN EDUCATION
YOUR CHILD IS READY.
ARE YOU?
What the man, in his kindness and goodwill did not understand was that the restricting cocoon and the struggle required for the butterfly to get through the tiny opening, were nature’s way of forcing fluid from the body of the butterfly into its wings, so that it would be ready for flight once it achieved its freedom from the cocoon.
YOUR CHILD IS READY.
ARE YOU?

• Let your child confront all obstacles. Be convinced that with the guidance of the school and your support, he/she can overcome them.

• Trust that the teachers will look out for the well-being of your child

• Work with the school to instil discipline, empathy and develop your child’s social-emotional competency skills.

• In partnering the school, your child will have an enjoyable, meaningful and successful primary school life.
WE ARE HERE TO SUPPORT YOU!

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