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Early words DVD for parent Evenings

Did you know you could use the Early Words DVD at your parent evenings, such as orientation and transition to school meetings?

The new 3 to 5 years DVD has information in short sections that take 10 minutes to listen to and then talk about.

The DVD, tipsheets and magnets will be available to families in September/ October through child care providers, and Families NSW projects registered with Early Words.

The DVD has a number of extra features including NSW foundation script- so children can start to learn writing their name with correct letter formation, and messy play recipes to encourage learning through play.

Each section: 3,4 and 5 years covers the same elements of early literacy- looking and listening, talking, singing and rhyming, drawing and writing.

Encourage parents to look for the school readiness tips on the back of the 3 year tipsheet.

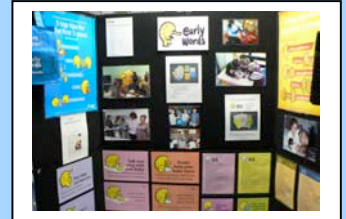


Early Words Display boards available

Your Western Sydney families can learn more about Early Words, and where they can access their free resources through our display boards.

Encourage an interest in early literacy in your centre or project. Boards can be delivered and set up for up to 2 weeks.

Contact Early Words enquiriesearlywords@childrenfirst.asn.au



New tipsheets on the Early Words site

If you would like a taste of the new 3 to 5 years Early Words resources for families, have a look on our website.

The 3 and 4 years tipsheets are now online, in 9 community languages and in different sizes to download.

Join the example of Waterloo library and download to give to your families.

150 centres reply!

Early Words is thrilled that 150 Western Sydney centres and projects have registered for the early literacy and resource distribution workshops.

Eddie the Echidna will be appearing at the workshops to publicise the resources in local newspapers.

If you are not a child care provider or FNSW project, but would like to attend the professional information session, please call Early Words on 9831 1099.

A tip for newsletters; Early Words DVD: 3 years:

Did you know that your child's arm and hand muscles can be developed for drawing and writing through play? Putting shoes and socks on and using velcro fasteners helps with smaller muscle development later. Climbing, swinging and playing with balls helps develop strong and steady arm muscles. Keep developing your child's hand skills by encouraging drawing, painting, gluing, cutting, threading, playing with sand, messy play and construction activities.



Newsflash-
meet Mem Fox in November—
more details next newsletter.