



Morning Star Literacy Poilcy

Setting's Name:

Morning Star Nursery – Eldon Road

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Introduction

Literacy plays an important role in each and every one of our daily lives. Literacy skills have an effect on a child's confidence, career prospects and social skills. Morning Star uses the Early Years Foundation Stage (EYFS) curriculum. Literacy is a specific area of learning in the EYFS with 2 strands of learning: 'Reading and 'Writing'. Morning Star guarantees that literacy is very much a part of a child's day at Nursery.

Aims

- To use EYFS as a guide to give children a good footing in early Literacy
- To help children feel confident in their Literacy
- Create awareness of Literacy for the children and highlight to them that it is a part of their everyday life
- To work alongside parents/carers in order to help support a child's learning

Objectives

- Staff will engage in dialogic reading time with the children
- Throughout the day in and around the classroom, use letters and sounds activities
- Share rhymes, music, songs and stories with the children
- Encourage reading within the nursery setting with bold signs, notices and books

- Make sure the teachers are making examples of themselves by letting the children witness them writing
- Give additional support to children whose first language is not English and allow them to use their home language when appropriate
- Staff to take regular trips to the library with the children

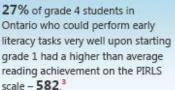
Teaching and Learning styles

The literacy curriculum has been created to challenge children and promote their confidence. The range of content includes facts and skills, processes and understanding. It is important how children learn and what they learn and staff can encourage learning within the environment the children are in. At Morning Star we encourage self-motivation and child initiated activities through play and experimentation with reading and writing as well as structured teaching. Literacy is incorporated throughout a child's day in the nursery with writing activities, imaginative play, story time and circle time as well as around the nursery setting. The teachers are constantly planning in order to help build up the children's key skills, confidence and understanding.

Appendix 1

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Ontario whose parents "**like**" reading had a higher than average reading achievement on the PIRLS scale – **570.¹** 54% of grade 4 students in Ontario who were often engaged in literacy-related activities at home had a higher than average reading achievement on the PIRLS scale – 566.²



What can parents do?

There are lots of fun family literacy activities you can enjoy with your child.

READ AND WRITE WITH YOUR CHILD

- Ask your child questions as you read books
- Create a comic strip about your family
- Write a letter to a friend or relative
- SING AND TELL STORIES TOGETHER
- Sing songs as a family
- · Come up with new rhymes for songs and stories
- Tell knock-knock jokes
- ENGAGE IN ACTIVITIES THAT REQUIRE READING AND WRITING:
- · Play board games
- · Make a grocery list, follow a recipe, read street signs
- Visit your local library together





Appendix 2

