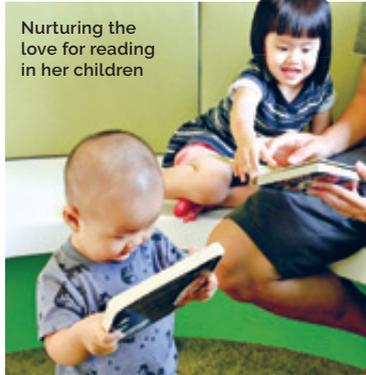


WE'VE GOT MAIL!

Parents explain how they work together with their children's teachers to support their learning at home.

 I learned from my daughter's teacher that there's no need for didactic worksheets to drill preschoolers to memorise words. Inspiring an inner motivation to want to read and want to spell is more effective in nurturing strong readers. As such, I adopted the Language Experience Approach recommended by her teacher and was amazed to see that my daughter could connect words I taught her from storybooks with words in our environment, such as "food" in the food court and "stop" in the carpark. This learning only happens because of an excellent teacher who continually gives very useful feedback for me to reinforce at home.

CHANG JIAPEI, mother of three children, aged 4 and 3 years; and 3 months



Nurturing the love for reading in her children

 I pay attention to the activities centred around monthly themes at my son's preschool. For instance, on the theme about occupations, I read to him library books on different jobs to extend his learning at home. Through our nightly bedtime reading activity, and from conversations with his teachers, I learned of his interest to be a firefighter. As such, I signed him up for a firefighter-themed playgroup activity. My son enjoyed the session so much and he talked about his experience for days!

CHUA WEI WEI, mother to a son, aged 2



Learning about firefighting beyond the preschool

 With encouragement from my son's teacher to participate in a classroom sharing session, my son and I decided to talk about our pet bird. We had fun documenting our interactions with the bird at home and highlighting its interesting characteristics as part of the activity. My son was enthusiastic and excited, and overcame his shyness through the process. It was a great learning experience.

YVONNE NG, mother of two sons, aged 6 and 10



Classroom sharing session on their pet bird

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Parents, let us know how you support your child's physical development. Why is this important to you and your child? Attach a photo with your anecdote and your submission may appear in the next issue of *Beanstalk!*

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ELLIOT LOW, 4



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