

FERNVALE STATE SCHOOL

THE EXPLORER

LITTLE EXPLORERS PLAYGROUP WEEKLY NEWSLETTER

Welcome!

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Week 10 Term 2, 2025

Hello to all of our Little Explorers and their explorer guides – the wonderful parents and family day care providers who attend Playgroup.

We hoped that you enjoyed our visit last week from First Five Forever Officer, Sue Plant. Sue tries to visit us once a term, and we thoroughly enjoy her input into our space. Thanks, Sue!

The end of another very enjoyable term of Playgroup comes to a close this week. Thank you for your support of our weekly get togethers. Our Playgroup continues to include material from 3a Abecedarian Approach Australia. 3a is a research aligned approach that focuses on simple but purposeful interactions between care givers and children.

We incorporate Learning Games in our Newsletter each week for you to try at home with your child. If your child plays these games by themselves, they will learn. However, YOU can make this learning so much more, by playing the game with your child. Think of the 3N approach (Notice, Nudge, Narrate) that we discussed last week to help if you can't think of what to say to your child. But remember, you are your child's first and most important teacher. This means you already know so many ways to talk to them. We offer these suggestions to add to your repertoire.

Talking and playing are ways young children learn. Parents who provide plenty of opportunities for their children to play and spend lots of time talking and playing with them each day are giving their children the best possible support for learning.

We have thoroughly enjoyed seeing you enjoying quality time with your children each week. We hope that you have a safe and restful break and enjoy lots of playing and talking with your children.

Playgroup begins again on Thursday 17th July. We look forward to seeing you then, and hearing all about your holiday.

We are looking forward to seeing all our Little Explorers and their fabulous Explorer Guides on Thursday. Happy playing and talking...

Helen Levitt
Playgroup co-ordinator



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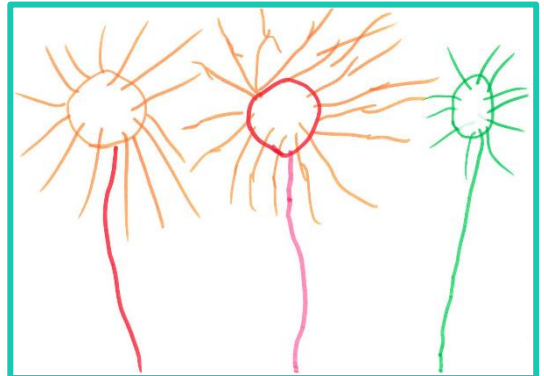


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*Please feel free
to take a copy
of this week's
learning games
when you join
us on
Thursday...*



The focus for this week's Learning games is on playing outside in the garden.

Learning Game 3 "Show Baby Something Interesting" helps babies from birth to 6 months learn to use their eyes to look at things. They learn to hold up their head and this helps their neck muscles grow strong. They learn to like soft talk and calm strokes. They learn to feel safe.

Learning Game 21 "Hide and Find" helps babies aged between 6 and 12 months learn to look for things and find things. They learn to hear and understand new words. They learn to have fun.

Learning Game 60 "Learning Outside" helps children aged between 1 and 2 years learn words understand their world. They learn new words to describe things in their world. They learn new words to describe their play.

Learning Game 88 "In, Out and Around" helps children aged between 2 and 3 years learn to understand and follow directions. They learn that words talk about actions and positions.

Learning Game 108 "Planting Together" helps children aged between 3 and 4 years learn about responsibility. They learn about sharing tasks and to co-operate.

Learning Game 154 "Find and Collect" helps children aged between 4 and 5 years learn to notice things around them. They learn to stay interested in things over time. They learn to develop their own likes and dislikes.

The 3N's: Notice, Nudge, Narrate

Notice: I notice you'd like to zip your own coat today.

Nudge: Can you zip with one hand and hold your coat with the other?

Narrate: You're making that zipper go up, up. Nice work!



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