



# Get Ready for School™



## Parent Fact Sheet

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'Get Ready for School' is a fun and rewarding ten week program designed to prepare your child for the transition to more formal learning. It is designed to increase your child's understanding of listening, following instructions, sharing and teamwork in a stress free environment.

The following are some of the key tasks and skills your child will be learning throughout the course.

<p><b>Name</b> Children will learn that everyone has a name and that this name can be written. They will learn to recognise, trace and write their name, as well as label with and use their own names.</p>
<p><b>Talking</b> Basic greetings are an essential part of communication and children will practise saying good morning/afternoon, saying goodbye, using people's names and answering specific questions.</p>
<p><b>Listening to instructions</b> During the program children will be required to follow directions individually and as part of a group. These directions will come from the teacher, as well as from a computer. They will also practise using good manners.</p>
<p><b>Sharing &amp; teamwork</b> Children learn about sharing by sharing items, space and the attention of their teacher. They will also focus on teamwork, with many activities requiring them to work together to achieve a goal.</p>
<p><b>Using a computer</b> Children are taught to independently use a computer. They operate the mouse and use the Enter key.</p>
<p><b>Hand &amp; eye coordination</b> Hand and eye co-ordination is practised during the program. Children are required to draw straight and wavy lines, trace curved lines and reproduce shapes.</p>
<p><b>Memorising songs</b> During each week of the program, children will learn a new song. Some will really appeal and be easily remembered, others will be more challenging.</p>
<p><b>Numbers &amp; counting</b> Children will learn to read, write and count the numbers one to ten.</p>
<p><b>Colours</b> All of the primary colours will be learnt and reviewed.</p>
<p><b>Gross motor skills</b> Gross motor skills are important for many school activities. Children will learn to march, hop, balance, clap in patterns and throw objects at targets.</p>
<p><b>Scissors</b> How to cut within spaces both straight and curved, cutting out pictures and cutting and pasting shapes will be covered in the program.</p>
<p><b>What can you do?</b> It is important to reinforce and practise the skills your child learns each week. You will be able to see from the worksheets they bring home each week, what new areas have been covered. If your child starts to become irritable or frustrated it's time to stop the activity. The course is designed to be fun and rewarding to motivate your child for his/her transition to primary school.</p>