



Kererū Team Home Learning Guide

Welcome whanau to the Kererū team. We are really looking forward to getting to know you all. Over the summer break we have been setting up interesting learning environments for the children. Learning through exploration is our focus and your child's interests will guide our teaching.

Home Reading

Home reading should be fun and easy-something you both look forward to-a time for laughter and talk. Make reading a special time, quiet and relaxing. Sit close to your child, away from TV or other distractions. Your role is the cheerleader, so praise the effort your child makes. If your child is stuck on a word, wait a few seconds, then ask them to read the sentence again and think about what word would fit. Ask "could it be ...?" (and give a word that might fit). The pictures also help and are an important part of early reading. If they still can't work it out, tell them and praise their efforts. **READING AT HOME MUST BE FUN**

- Share the reading, take turns or see whether your child wants to read or be read to today
- All children benefit by being read to. You can read in your first language
- Talk about the pictures in books
- Visit the library together and help them choose books to share
- Read emails, facebook messages from family or whānau aloud
- Play card or board games together, talking a lot as you play

Your child will bring home a book they are familiar with. They may even have brought it home before. This is all part of building confidence and fluency in reading.

Before and After School

This year Kelly Club runs before and after school care in our school hall.

Just a reminder that children are to wait in their designated areas until the 8:30 bell, before coming into class. This is a school Health and Safety policy.

Warm regards,Debbie Waller, Louise Boot, Renee Maurice, Sarah Plummer and Jessica Keating