



# Homework Ideas

At Bridge Road School our students are engaged in learning activities throughout the day. Our class sizes are smaller than their mainstream schools and as such they are learning continually and complete a number of educational tasks in each of our learning sessions.

## READING

For homework we stress the importance of reading for at least 15-20mins each day, this should include reading aloud to someone, quiet reading for enjoyment and being read to or listening to a book being read. Reading can include a range of texts not just books. You could ask your child to read the recipe while you cook together or read the shopping list when shopping. They can read magazines or newspaper articles or even instructions to a game, as long as they are reading!



## TALKING

Families should spend much more time talking together about their day. Conversation is the best way for all of us especially children to learn about our world and learn skills such as empathy.



## GAMES

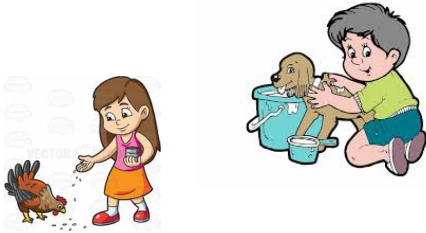
- Puzzles are a great independent or shared activity, that is relaxing and builds confidence.
- Pretend play is a significant skill that builds on creativity and future problem-solving skills. Children can learn about social roles, process ideas and build on communication skills when playing with others.
- Constructive play like building a fort, using Lego and blocks has an important role in developing communication, mathematical and socio-emotional skills.
- Board games like scrabble and snakes and ladders, monopoly all include skills like counting, letters, turn taking and learning how to lose.
- Card games such as Uno, memory, snap (can have letters and words on the cards), Go Fish.





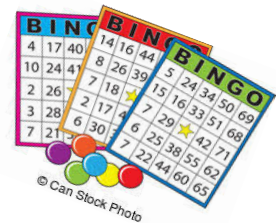
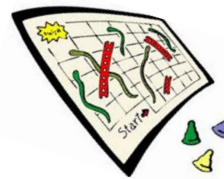
## HOME ACTIVITIES

- Helping with dinner can include learning about food groups, health and nutrition, reading recipes and following a sequence. When children assist in the cooking process they are more likely to try new foods!
- Having jobs at home such as taking care of a family pet, builds an understanding of the needs of others and helps to reduce anxiety.



## PRACTISING WITH NUMBERS

- Snakes and Ladders
- Any dice game that requires adding 2 or more dice
- Monopoly
- Snap
- Memory
- Bingo
- Number before / number after
- Card games



## SHOPPING IDEAS

- Write down the shopping list
- Read the shopping list
- Give directions such as “go to aisle 3 and get...”
- How much for this and this?
- Use a calculator to add items
- Which item is better value?
- Look at weight of items or weigh fruit and vegetables.



## CRAFT

Drawing can help children reduce stress and anxiety and assist them to express themselves in a non-verbal way and create a talking point for the adults in their lives. It can help build muscle strength in hands and help with pencil control. Using scissors is a skill that requires practise and repetition.

Fine motor skills can be developed by

- pasting things onto paper
- clapping hands
- touching fingers
- buttoning and unbuttoning
- working a zipper

