

**EARLY LITERACY PROJECT
Parent Needs Survey**

Parent's Name: _____ Date: _____

Child's Name: _____ Classroom Teacher's Name: _____

Instructions: *This survey is an opportunity for you to consider the literacy experiences of your child at home. We will use this information to develop materials and education support. For each statement below, show your level of agreement (either 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, or N/A according to the Scale) with a ✓ **and** tell us if you want more information about the topic. Use the space provided to comment on your experiences and/or needs. An example is provided.*

Scale:

1 = Strongly Disagree 2 = Disagree 3 = Somewhat Agree 4 = Agree 5 = Strongly Agree

N/A = Not Applicable I want more information

Example:

<i>I know what the top chefs have to say about how to make delicious pizzas at home.</i>	1	2 ✓	3	4	5	N/A	More Info. ✓
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Comment/Specific Question

I want information on how to make a crust that is crispy on the outside and chewy on the inside.

1. I know what has been written about the literacy development of children who use AAC (Augmentative and Alternative Communication).	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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Comment/Specific Question

2. I know what is written about what to have in my home to help my child learn to read and write.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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Comment/Specific Question

3. I believe that my child will learn to read and write.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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4. I believe that knowing how to read and write will help my child to communicate.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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5. I believe that early reading and writing activities should be part of the Junior Kindergarten program.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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6. I know how to use picture communication symbols (PCS) to involve my child in story reading.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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7. I know how to help my child participate in early reading and writing activities at home (e.g., discussing stories, learning about the alphabet, etc.).	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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Comment/Specific Question

8. I know how to make changes to books so my child can turn pages.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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9. I sing nursery rhymes and songs with my child.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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10. My child is able to take part in singing songs and repeating rhymes.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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11. My child plays with games or puzzles that have letters and pictures (e.g., lotto, abc puzzles, etc.) at home.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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Comment/Specific Question

12. I know how to help my child play with games or puzzles involving letters and pictures (e.g., lotto, abc puzzles, etc.).	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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Comment/Specific Question

13. I read to my child every day.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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14. I talk to my child about stories while I am reading the story (e.g., ask questions, explain new words, talk about my child's experiences, etc.).	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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15. I know how to help my child talk about stories and experiences (e.g., guess what will happen next, ask questions, answer questions, re-tell parts of the story).	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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16. My child draws/writes at home.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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17. I know how to help my child with drawing/writing activities at home.	1	2	3	4	5	N/A	More Info.
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18. I would like some help with these reading and writing activities at home. - - - - -

19. What types of reading activities take place in your home (e.g., parents read novels, recipes, work-related materials, newspaper, magazines, etc.).

20. What printed materials can your child use in your home:

- Magazines
- Novels
- Advertisements
- Newspapers
- Catalogues
- Children's books
- Children's picture books
- Children's dictionary
- TV Guide
- Other: _____

21. Does your child take books from the library? Yes No If so, how often? _

22. Does your child bring books home from school? Yes No If so, how often? _

23. When you read to your child, what does your child do?

- Listens quietly to the story
- Looks at the pictures
- Turns the pages
- Points to the pictures
- Answers your questions
- Asks questions
- Tries to guess what will happen next
- Comments on the story
- Other: _____

24. When you read a book to your child, what do you usually do?

- Read the text in the book
- Point to the pictures and label them
- Point to the words in the book
- Ask your child to label the pictures (e.g., what's this?)
- Ask your child to point to the pictures (e.g., Where's the..?)
- Relate the story events to your child's experiences (e.g., The same thing happened when you/we...)
- Ask your child what will happen next
- Ask your child to explain why something happened.
- Other: _____

25. What kinds of writing/drawing activities take place in your home?

- Writing shopping and/or wish lists
- Writing letters to family and/or friends
- Writing stories about experiences
- Writing events on the calendar
- Work-related writing
- School-related writing
- Writing notes to the teacher
- Drawing/colouring pictures
- Making greeting cards (e.g., birthday, holidays, etc.)
- Other: _____

26. What writing/drawing materials does your child use in your home:

- Pen/pencil & paper
- Magnetic/felt letters
- Crayons / markers
- Paints
- Chalk & chalkboard
- Computer

27. Please use this space and the back of the survey to tell us more about the literacy needs of your child.

THANK YOU!