

# THE IMPORTANCE OF CHATTER

## Sunnybrae Normal School Literacy Week 2017

### Why we need to talk to our children

Oral language is the most powerful tool that we use to communicate.

One of the best things you can do for your child is talk with them everywhere, every day, any time.

Remember talk is a thinking tool - it helps your child solve problems and develop their imagination.

Your child will get less frustrated if they are able to express their emotions or questions or opinions through language.

Use your home language to talk with your child if you feel that your ability to speak in English is not as good as your home language.

As your child learns to talk to you about their learning their ability to think will be further developed.

Children who are articulate are usually able to form friendships more easily.

Ref p199 - The Essential Oral Language Toolkit

### Literacy Quiz Evening



*Thank you to all the families who attended our literacy evening. We had 83 people attend, from 29 families. It was a great evening with a lot of chatter and laughter. The children were enthusiastic, engaged and competitive.*

Throughout the literacy week, as a staff we have focused on the importance of rhyme and rhythm through poetry and nursery rhymes. These can be used as an effective tool to understanding patterns in words and to develop your child's vocabulary in a fun and interesting way.

As a result of this, children have been writing their own poems and a selection of these will be compiled to make a book for the school library.

Thank you to the children and parents who supported the homework challenge.

Congratulations to the following students who won a book for their posters -

Maia Wood, Corey Snape, Olivia Togia-Dove, Korban McKinley, Jun Onishi-Lee and Binie Na.

## ***Some things to talk about ...***



### ***In the car***

Things you can see (e.g. people, shops, parks).

Buildings

Where you are going and who you will see.

### ***At the shops***

Items you are buying.

Labels

Smells

Jobs people do in shops.

Why some items need to be kept cold or frozen.

### ***At home***

Solving family problems.

Chatting about the day's events over a family meal.

Sharing two good things about your day and something you need help with.

Family photos or memories.

Traditional ways of doing things in your culture.

### ***In the garden***

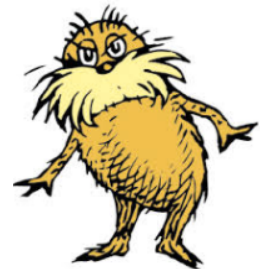
How the weather and the seasons affect the garden.

Garden equipment and how things work e.g. the lawnmower.

## ***Literacy Quiz Questions***

***Have fun as a family ...***

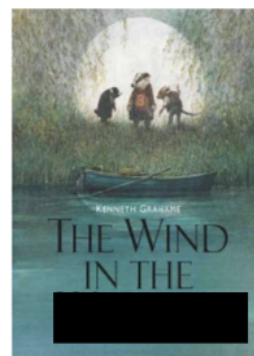
***1. Who is this character?***



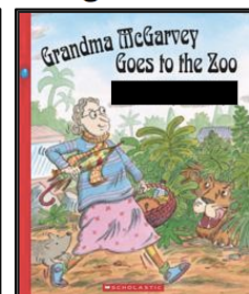
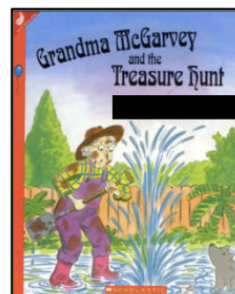
***2. If you stepped through a lot of winter coats where would you end up?***

***3. The Owl and the Pussycat went to sea in a beautiful ..... boat***

***4. Complete the title .....***



***5. Who is the author of these books?***



### ***Answers***

1. The Lorax 2. Narnia 3. Pea Green 4. Willows 5. Jenny Hessel