



November Home/School Links - Literacy Junior & Senior Infants

Chop, chop, choppity chop
Chop, chop, choppity chop
Cut off the bottom
Cut off the top.
What there is left
We'll put in the pot
Chop, chop, choppity chop.

- Read the poem Painting.
- Read it again, encouraging your child to join in.
- Talk about the rhyming words.
- Let your child fill in the rhyming words.
- Make a list of words that end in –op
- Play the odd one out.

The Mug and the Jug

A mug met a jug
On a stormy night.
Said the jug to the mug
“Can we curl up tight?”
“Of course”, said the mug
With a careless shrug.
So they rolled up together
And were ever so snug

- Read the poem
- Read it again, encouraging your child to join in.
- Talk about the rhyming words.
- Make a list of the –ug words in the poem. Talk about the meaning of the words.
- Play word detective. Ask your child to find, circle and read the following words: mug, met, on, can, up, snug

A duck named Zack

There once was a duck
Whose name was Zack
There was only one problem
He just couldn't quack.
He tried and he tried
All day in his shack
In the end he just cried
"I don't have the knack!"

- Read the poem. Read it again, encouraging your child to join in.
- Make a list of -ack words in the poem. Ask your child can s/he think of any other rhyming words.
- Talk about the duck's problem and discuss what the words shack and knack mean.

Phonics

The sounds for this month are y, x, ch, sh, th, qu, ou, oi, ue, ar, er.

(Following the Jolly Phonics programme)

- Ask your child to list words beginning with or that have these sounds in them.
- Ask your child does the sound come at the beginning, middle or end or the word.
- Play Odd One Out. Say three words, two beginning with the same sound and ask your child to name the odd one out.
- Revise sounds already done.
- Letter hunt – Give your child a magazine or newspaper and ask him/her to circle the above sounds s/he can find. Eg Find all the x's. Set a time limit of one minute. Repeat for one more minute to see if the record can be broken!
- Using plastic letters, cut-out letters, magnetic letter tiles or even the text function on a mobile phone, ask your child to make these words.

(suggestion)

yes	fox	box	chop
yard	six	mix	chip
dish	cash	then	with
moth	quiz	out	loud
coin	join	rescue	her
sister	star	car	park