

Dear Families,



Really Good Stuff encourages you and your child to explore and learn together as a family. Research has shown that at-home family involvement in the learning process makes a positive impact on child achievement and development. The materials in this kit were carefully written and created by teachers to help your child practice and build on important skills.

This kit is full of support tools for hands-on repeated practice, as well as some items that are designed for single use, but can become reference material after initial usage. Included are items such as journals, task cards, manipulatives, dry erase mats, and more! We are happy this Really Good Stuff kit has found its way to you!

As you move through the materials in this kit, please realize that all children learn at different rates, and that's okay. As family members, it is our job to support and encourage learning, which may look different from child to child. There are several aspects of learning that are important to understand:

Children Learn at Different Paces

While the materials contained in this kit are all grade-level appropriate, it may take your child more practice to master the materials, so feel free to put them aside and use them at a later date. On the other hand, your child may find some of the materials easier to get through. We encourage you to review their work, ask them different ways that they could have completed the task, and keep the materials as reference for homework and other educational tasks.

Frustration

Some children can show frustration when working through educational tasks. If your child is frustrated, there are several things you can do:

- **Reteach the Topic** - Your child may not have fully grasped the concept the first time, so review the topic with them again to ensure their understanding of it.
- **Limit On-Task Time** - Try working in shorter blocks of time with your child.
- **Save It for Another Day** - If a specific topic is difficult, revisit the topic at a later date.

Growth Mindset

All students are encouraged to practice a Growth Mindset, or the belief that their abilities can improve through practice and hard work. One way we encourage a Growth Mindset is through using the Power of Yet! When a child is not confident in a task, we encourage them to say, "I am not great at this task . . . YET!" When students understand that they can grow through learning more, they will have a better outlook on education.

We are so excited for you to be engaged with your child through their learning and exploring!

ENJOY!