

WE'VE GOT MAIL! 😊

PARENTS SHARE HOW THEY CREATE AN ENRICHING HOME ENVIRONMENT TO ENHANCE THEIR CHILD'S LEARNING THROUGH FUN AND PLAY.



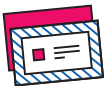
Cooking as a family



Every child needs space and time to explore. I often encourage my three children to do things together at home, with little interference from my husband or myself. The older ones settle disputes among themselves, practise negotiation skills, and learn how to pacify the little one. Through interaction, they also learn to appreciate and respect one another.



Having fun together



We involve our children in things we do around the house whenever we can.

We make French toast, pancakes, pizzas and cakes together. My husband and I explain things to them as we go along. It probably takes twice the amount of time in the kitchen and there will be more mess, but it's all part of the experience. The kids find a lot of satisfaction in being able to help and complete a task.

Mandy Khoo
Mother of two boys aged 1 and 4



Learning about a bus through play



I introduced themed weekends when my son was younger, so that he can learn different skills and concepts in a way that will make him excited. One example is our bus-themed day: We started the day by learning to play a few notes of "Wheels on the Bus" on the electronic keyboard, followed by drawing a bus and learning to spell "bus". He then played with his toy bus and went on a bus journey around our neighbourhood. We ended the day by completing a bus jigsaw together.

Jane Lee
Mother of a 4-year-old boy



A time for bonding

FLYING COLOURS

In the April-June 2017 issue, we asked you to show us the kite you made. Here are three outstanding entries:



Elisha Rihanthika, 4



Chen Yetong, 5

Jaden Rhys, 6

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LEADERSHIP BEGINS AT HOME

Parents, tell us how your child has taken initiative in everyday activities. Share with us your tried-and-tested strategies to support your child in becoming leaders of tomorrow! Attach a photo with your anecdote, and your submission may appear in the next issue of *Beanstalk!*



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