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Prayer for Parents

Father, help me in my divine task of parenthood. Help me to see my children's problems through their eyes. Keep forever before me my own childhood so that I will not expect too much. Give me the patience of the silent stars. Give me a sense of humour.

Father, help me to win them through love instead of compelling them through fear. Help me to teach them that every home is an altar and that every wish is a prayer.

Help me to teach them that the value of their lives will be measured by the service they give. Help me to teach them that true happiness is found, not in things, but in the unfolding of their minds and their souls. Help me to make my life go on in theirs, finer, nobler than I ever dared to be.

We ask this through Christ our Lord.

Amen

What is Sound Waves?

Sound Waves is a synthetic phonics and word study program. It is used to help teach your child to spell and read.

Sound Waves was written and developed in Australia and, not only does it meet the requirements of the Australian Curriculum, it aligns with current scientific evidence on best practice for teaching spelling and reading.

Did you know?

The English language is made up of **43 individual sounds** and writing is simply a representation of those sounds.

For children to spell and read successfully, it's important they can identify all 43 English sounds

What do children learn in Sound Waves?

Children learn about speech sounds (phonemes) and the different letter or letters (graphemes) that represent these sounds in writing.

For example, they learn that the same sound is used at the start of cat, king and chemist, but that the sound can be written in different ways (c, k or ch)

Graphemes.. What are they?

Video Presentation

What is a
phoneme?

A phoneme is the
smallest unit of sound
in a word.

Example:

/k/



What is a
grapheme?

A grapheme is the
way we write a
phoneme.

Example:

/k/ can be written 5 ways
c k ck qu ch



<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=plZjSxUazvY>

What do children learn in Sound Waves?

Children also learn about meaningful word parts, such as prefixes, suffixes and roots.

For example, they learn that the prefix re can mean again in words like recycle, reheat and recheck.

Upper primary students also learn about where words come from to help them understand and remember unusual or difficult words.

For example, they learn that the words architect and orchestra originate from the Greek language

What can I do to help?

How can my child login at home?



Students can login at www.fireflystudents.com.au

Log in with a Class Code

Class Code

Enter

If you have forgotten your Class Code please ask your teacher.