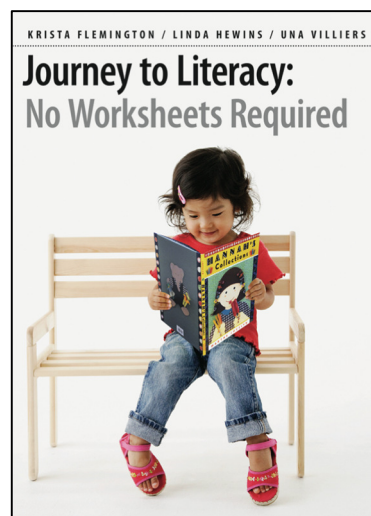


Journey to Literacy: No Worksheets Required

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Summary



Journey to Literacy offers Foundation Year teachers proven strategies for creating classrooms where children are actively engaged learners that thrive.

The play-based learning and individualised strategies in this practical book build on the early literacy experiences that have been part of a child's home like. This valuable resource offers simple ways to create learning centres that encourage a wide range of literacy skills. It explores ways that teachers can maximise the potential of Drawing/Writing, Home/Dramatic Play, Reading, Visual Arts, Construction, Sand and Water centres. These centres are designed to offer children real and authentic reasons to listen, speak, read, write and view.

In this remarkable book, teachers will find a wealth of resources for creating meaningful learning experiences:

- classroom-proven literacy extensions that involve children in quality literature and dramatic play
- questions that promote reflective practice
- answers to often-asked questions
- mileposts to inform teaching instruction
- games such as Concentration, Lunchbox and Track
- simple graphic organisers that promote word recognition
- ideas for templates as a viable alternative to worksheets.

Journey to Literacy argues that teachers need to engage children in their own learning and give them opportunities to pursue their own interests and investigations. It encourages teachers to observe, respond and capitalise on children's interests in individual, small-group and large-group sessions. Based on extensive work with young children, this highly readable book is full of innovative ways teachers can provide support, enrichment and positive feedback.

A valuable support to teachers as they move beyond worksheets, this timely book shows teachers how to nurture Foundation Year children on their journey towards lifelong literacy.

Other Resources

- *Creative Ways to Teach Literacy* (SA1304)
- *Literacy Playshop: New Literacies, Popular Media, and Play in the Early Childhood Classroom* (TCP0690)