Learning Activities Under Guidance of Home

LAUGH @ NILMA

As part of our Home Learning Program (Homework!), we have expected students to be reading on a nightly basis and this has had pleasing results in student attitudes to reading and improvement in skills. Many children are achieving their 100’s Club Awards!! We will also be sending home some activities with a difference! We have purchased a number of games for students to take home and share with families. We encourage families to share in the LAUGH program!! Students will bring games home on Monday and be expected to return them the following Monday. This will allow families to have some share time during the week—if not once but several times! Games are a fun way to develop many social skills and oral language skills and problem solving strategies which are essential to learning literacy and numeracy.

This program has been established on the belief that Home Learning should support the school learning programs, be an enjoyable experiences and involve conversation with family or friends to develop learning strategies that can be transferred to other activities.

LAUGH @ NILMA intends to:

- **Engage students**—Be enjoyable, interactive and challenging experiences. Encourage development of social skills—e.g. turn taking, cooperation, praise. Develop shared expectations for learning and interacting in a game.
- **Explore**—Learning opportunities of each activity and possible solutions to games.
- **Explain**—Children get opportunity to talk about what they are learning and listen to others ways of thinking.
- **Elaborate**—On activities and conversation to develop other ways of thinking / ideas.
- **Evaluate**—Encourage your child to talk about and reflect on his/her learning. Be supportive and provide positive comments.
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ACTIVITY NUMBER

1

TITLE OF ACTIVITY:

FAMILY INSTRUCTIONS FOR LAUGH EXPERIENCES

1. Please read activity instructions with your child (set the expectations and purpose of activity)

2. Encourage your child to explain in his/her words how to play the game or complete activity

3 Engage in activity - LAUGH and talk!!

4 Encourage your child to ask questions/comment on what he/she may have learnt by playing the game. Eg. May be a new strategy for a game or learnt a new word or learnt how to wait his/her turn.