



On the Road to Senior Kindergarten

Summary

On-the-Road to Senior Kindergarten is a literacy kit designed for use by parents and students during the summer between JK and SK. Often, students leave JK with good literacy skills (they're able to link letters and sounds, can identify initial consonant sounds and so on) only to return in September with limited retention of this knowledge.

In our community, this is usually because parents lack the resources and skills needed to reinforce their children's learning over the summer. However, our parents are quite willing to work with their kids given some direction. Our goal was to develop a tool and a training session that could be given to the parents of our students. The product would specifically replicate many of the familiar stories, songs, games and other activities mastered in JK and necessary for early success in SK. This would help to minimize the amount of re-teaching in September. This is important given the extensive kindergarten curriculum.

The flexible design of the kit allows it to be used "as is" or to be customized to reflect other Ontario teachers' classrooms and communities as appropriate. We hope it becomes a valuable resource of significance to our youngest learners throughout Ontario.