Dear Parents,

You were your child’s first teacher, and you can continue to play a big role in your child’s English education as well. You can help your child be successful in learning English, regardless of your own language ability. To encourage you to help your child, we’d like to tell you about the goals and teaching philosophy of *Let’s Go* and share some tips for using the parent guide to work with your child at home.

**The Let’s Go Approach to Learning English**

We believe that the goal in learning a language is communication. Language is a tool that allows children to understand others through listening and reading and lets them communicate with others through speaking and writing. This is the key idea behind everything you will find on the pages of *Let’s Go*.

Here’s what we do in *Let’s Go*:

We present the target language in many ways to help children understand the meaning and how it is used. New language is presented in familiar situations so children can understand the meaning. It is recycled in other situations so children can learn that English is flexible and recurring.

Children learn best when language is presented in more than one way. In *Let’s Go*, children hear the language, see pictures to support the meaning, and sing, chant, and move to help them reinforce what they’ve learned. They also practice natural stress and rhythm, talk to each other to reinforce the idea that language is communication, and learn to read and write in order to expand their skills.

*Let’s Go* combines serious learning with serious fun because children are motivated to practice when they’re enjoying themselves. So, we practice conversation with songs and practice grammar and vocabulary with games.

**Using the Let’s Go Parent’s Guide**

The *Let’s Go* Parent’s Guide explains what your child is learning in each lesson. Do the home study activities together, review the Workbook, and use the Student Audio CD to practice the new words and sing the songs. Feel free to use a game or activity from one lesson to practice language in another lesson. Encourage your child to use English around the house. Help your child notice the English around him or her—in advertisements, in books, on the radio, on TV, and in life inside and outside your home.
Tips for working with your child at home:

 ✓ Have fun with your child. Praise your child’s progress. Laugh at your mistakes. Play with English. Your child will learn from your model.
 ✓ When you practice grammar and vocabulary, use real objects or pictures, or play a game that includes movement.
 ✓ After your child has learned new English grammar or vocabulary, try to use it at home in your daily life.
 ✓ When you practice the conversations, songs, or chants, include movement or gestures.

The best way to help your child become excited about learning is to show that you are excited, too. You don’t have to be an English teacher in order to help your child become a successful English learner.

As authors of Let’s Go, in addition to being English teachers, we are parents, too. We will do our best to provide you with the support you need to make learning English a happy experience for both you and your child.

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