Dear Parents,

You were your child’s first teacher, and you can continue to play a big role in your child’s English education. We’d like to tell you about Let’s Go and share some tips for using the Parent’s Guide to work with your child at home.

The Let’s Go Approach to Learning English

We believe that communication is the goal of language learning. Children are able to understand each other by listening and reading, and they are able to communicate with each other by speaking and writing. This is the key idea behind Let’s Go.

Here’s what we do in Let’s Go:
Children learn best when language is presented in more than one way. In Let’s Go, we present the target language in many ways to help children understand the meaning and how it is used. Children hear the language, watch animated videos and 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 their communication skills, and learn to read and write.

Let’s Go combines serious learning with serious fun because children are motivated to practice when they’re enjoying themselves.

Using the Let’s Go Parent’s Guide

The Let’s Go Parent’s Guide and Can-Do Statement Guides explain what your child is learning in each lesson. You can find these guides on the Parents’ Site (https://elt.oup.com/parent/letsgo/). You can also do the home study activities together, review the Workbook, and have fun using the Online Play Student’s Website.

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.
Online Play – www.oup.com/elt/letsgo
Have fun at home with the Online Play Student’s Website.
• Download the complete Class Audio to practice new words and sing songs.
• Watch the Let’s Talk videos and animated songs and chants to reinforce language.
• Play games and do crafts in English.

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.
• When you practice the conversations, songs, or chants, include movement or gestures. Watch each video carefully to pick up the new movements, gestures, and language.

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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