

Integrating Life Skills into your daily planning

CLASSROOM STRATEGIES TO DEVELOP YOUR GRADE R LEARNERS' LIFE SKILLS

- The topics in the Grade R Resource Kit 2015 have been carefully chosen so that learners will be able to relate to them and because they will excite you and your learners as you explore them.
- The topics in the Grade R Resource Kit 2015 have been chosen to cover the core knowledge necessary for learners to explore self, community, culture, relationships, the environment, and health and safety issues.
- Before introducing a new topic from the Grade R Resource Kit 2015, research it (your learners are sure to have a lot of questions that they will want answered). Gather information, pictures and artifacts that you can use. Create a stimulating classroom environment with lots to see and do. Doing this will provide opportunities for learners to think about, draw, collect information and reflect on the topic and its related issues.
- Provide opportunities for exploration and experimentation. Let learners test their ideas. These types of activities help learners develop basic scientific and technological skills.
- Use the theme table, bulletin board, poster and library corner to stimulate discussion about the Life Skills topic so that your learners' language skills are also extended.
- Let learners provide evidence of what they have learned through song (singing and making music with instruments), mime, building, making personal collections of artifacts, painting, modeling, drawing and speaking.
- Show learners how the topic of investigation extends to the real world.
- Ask questions about how the topic of investigation has changed over time. Let learners find out more about the topic and how it has evolved from their elders. They should share this information with the class.

