

LET'S TALK PRIMARY LANGUAGE ARTS

BY Louise House

There is no one right way to do language arts. Our purpose today is to help remove some of the mystery of teaching language arts in the primary grades. (PreK-Gr. 3.)

Big Picture

Between Pre-K and Gr 3 we want to focus on reading and beginning spelling skills
story telling (narration) and some beginning writing and grammar ie. punctuation and capitalization.

PreK - Ready to Learn

Aware of print, might be signs, boxes, books,
Rhyming words
Learn alphabet – then realize that there are different letters

Level 1 - K

Letter names and sounds
Learn to hear initial sound and ending sounds
Some syllables work
Rhyming
Some colour words, number words, etc.
Narration of a personal experience ie. Show and Tell

Level 2 -Gr 1

Sound out simple 3 letter words
Move into systematic teaching using phonics
Learn to write a simple sentence
Some sight words
Blends, vowel consonant “e”

Level 3 - Gr 2

Advanced phonics concepts like diphthongs, diagraphs, multi-syllables
Simple story – maybe on paper
Beginning grammar
Refining written response
Spelling

Level 4 - Gr 3

Review phonics as necessary
Spelling Program
Reading Program
Writing and Grammar

Remember:

Rome wasn't built in a day. It was a process.

Learning and homeschooling in general are a process that will grow and shape all of us not just our children

Your job is to patiently teach and train to the best of your ability

Your child's success or lack or it is not necessarily a reflection on you and your ability.

For some students this will just be hard. Our job is to keep teaching and to be a cheerleader every step of the way.

On the days when things seem difficult never discount the value of taking this to the Lord in prayer.

For I know the plans I have for you," declares the LORD, "plans to prosper you and not to harm you, plans to give you hope and a future. Jeremiah 29:11