

THRASS PARENTS' SESSION, GAUTENG, SOUTH AFRICA, NOV 3, 2004

(Preparatory School - 1 hr)

Thank you for a wonderfully entertaining hour. I was very impressed with what THRASS has to offer our children and am sure they will now have fun learning English. A fantastic presentation.

Very impressed with the simplicity of the system.

Wished we had this system when we were young! Great look forward to the results.

We think that the THRASS system is a perfect alternative to Letterland and provides a useable and effective means of teaching children how to spell and read. We are very excited and cannot wait for implementation.

An interesting programme, from what I understand it will make learning spelling much fun. It will also develop confidence in spelling skills as it encourages children to make a choice. They will tell you instead of us telling you!

Sound great to me!

Great presentation - looking forward to the year ahead. Have dreaded the Letterland approach to spelling!

Fantastic, hope this programme is implemented ASAP.

Thanx Alan. This system looks great... Hope we implement soon. This table is definitely going on the fridge!

Really great and makes such sense! Thank you (from a 50+ year old part time teacher!)

Brilliant, your passion was tangible.

Superb!! We look forward to seeing how this will improve our child's attitude as well as skills. Only question I have is whether parents will receive assistance with their role at home. i.e. some sort of guide book/instruction book. Well done, the Headmaster, for being a front runner!

Excellent, look forward to the implementation next year.

Excellent! Clearly explained.

I think in principle it sounds good, but I await the initial results with interest.

I sympathise with having to sell a very complicated subject in only an hour.

Very exciting. It provides a framework for life. I love the idea of players etc. It makes spelling so much more tangible and friendly.

Makes sense. How will this affect boys in their last year of prep school? How do you introduce this to a teenager in another school?

Training of teachers will be critical – will two days be enough? I will need more training. I think not unlearning is very destructive and this is a way not to unlearn and to learn that this is just the way it is. Very positive.

Excellent presentation. Wonderful programme. How does a child who is now in Grade 3 and learnt Letterland take on this programme? How do you 'equalize' children who have learnt THRASS from Grade 0 and those who haven't? How do you train parents to be effective support at home?

Like the fact that the system is continuous, enjoy the modern approach to the programme (rapping)

Visual recall in this generation is increasingly poor; hopefully this system can address this problem and help us remedy it more easily.

Excellent concept; unsure of the effect on older boys who are accustomed to Letterland; Concerned about time spent converting at Gr. 7 Level; magnificent for learning disabilities; encouraging that our school is being so pro-active.

Makes an enormous amount of sense.

Fantastic facilitator – makes sense to those who learn with difficulty.

Brilliant help for parents – who are pulling their hair out!!!

Excellent – addressed the basics of the system; makes sense of things difficult to explain / exceptions and particularly impressed with positive reinforcement i.e. phoneme/grapheme dichotomy. Super!!

Sounds fantastic. I found it so inspiring I feel like going back to teach again!! I'm sure it will be a great success!

From what we've heard this evening, it would seem that this system will greatly enhance the current learning processes/systems.

I learned by reading and sound association and this certainly makes sense (cents?).

Thank you very much. The THRASS method sounds amazing and I can't wait to implement it with my children. I found the talk most interesting and easy to understand.

Wish I'd had the opportunity when I was young!! Now I can explain why 'c' and 'k' sometimes sound the same. When can we start? Will there be more training for parents to help us assist better?

Thank you. A very enjoyable presentation on an exciting topic. Who would have guessed spelling could be this much fun!