Reading Recovery

Reading Recovery at Mt Waverley P.S. provides an additional opportunity for children in Grade 1 who are having difficulty learning to read and write.

The Reading Recovery teacher identifies the needs of each child and then assists them with skills and strategies to overcome their learning difficulties in Reading and Writing.

Reading Recovery complements the Literacy Program that operates every day in the Junior School at Mt Waverley.

Reading Recovery enables children to become successful, active and independent readers and writers, who are better able to join in the daily literacy activities of the classroom.

The Reading recovery teacher designs an individual reading and writing session in addition to the daily regular classroom instruction in reading and writing.

Students in Reading Recovery receive a thirty minute intensive, daily lesson to assist them in gaining their full potential in Grade 1. These series of lessons are tailored to suit each child and may take up to 20 weeks to reach a satisfactory standard. During the Reading Recovery lesson, students are involved in a variety of reading and writing tasks. The Reading Recovery teacher demonstrates and teaches problem-solving strategies and supports the student to develop effective reading and writing processes.

Each lesson includes

- reading familiar texts
- re-reading a text that was introduced the day before
- working with letters and/or words
- composing and writing a sentence
- assembling a cut up sentence
- introducing and reading a new book

At Mt Waverley Primary School the Reading Recovery teacher, the classroom teacher and the parents all work together to support the child.

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