

Celebrations and Graduations

DECEMBER 2014

The Early Literacy Programme ended 2014 with a celebratory tea for the co-ordinators of the programme. Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed positively towards the lives of children in their community this year.



Well done to 41 HSPP teacher-facilitators from 15 schools from Circuits 6 and 7 who gathered at the Aloe Road Clinic to receive their UCT and Wordworks certificates. They were acknowledged and thanked for their very hard work as agents for positive change in their school communities.



The STELLAR programme reached new heights this year as we trained our largest group of teachers. This wonderful journey culminated in three graduation ceremonies at the end of October. Superb school displays were evidence of the teachers' commitment to the programme and of the learners' experience of the eight story modules. We were delighted to showcase our outstanding Grade R teachers to Metro South District officials, school principals and management as well as our donors.



- 128 teachers received STELLAR certificates
- 3929 learners were taught by these teachers
- 52 schools from 5 circuits in Metro South participated in the programme
- 1320 learning modules were distributed

“The Stellar programme has made me fall in love with teaching again. Every time I started a story I became overjoyed because I could see the development that was taking place within my learners. They became so confident in a lesser time. Everything we did together was exciting. Thank you!!”
(Grade R teacher)



Every word counts

families learning together

We have researched, developed and written a comprehensive trainer’s guide with resources plus six illustrated books covering the following topics:

0 to 2 years: talk, play, sing, share books;
3 to 5 years: talk, play, sing, share books, draw and write, enjoy maths every day.

As babies develop they need loving, trusting and responsive relationships to help their little brains to grow!



WORDWORKS in 2014

Home-School Partnership Programme

In the Western Cape:

- 55 new teacher- facilitators trained
- 33 received UCT certificates
- 8 received Wordworks certificates
- 46 schools ran parent programmes
- 606 parents completed the programme and graduated

In Montagu (Breede River Winelands):

- 33 new teacher-facilitators trained and received Wordworks certificates
- 7 schools/ creches ran parent programmes
- 102 parents completed the programme and graduated



“I communicate differently now, interact and enjoy every moment that I spend with my child. He actually grew intelligent, he grew more free, he communicates with friends which he never did” (Parent)

EARLY LITERACY PROGRAMME

In the Western Cape:

- 56 schools and 1 library ran volunteer programmes
- 338 volunteers worked with 1796 children
- 7 partner organisations ran the Early Literacy Programme as part of their work

In the Eastern Cape:

- 10 sites were supported by Wordworks to run volunteer programmes
- 39 volunteers reached 216 children
- 4 partner organisations ran the Early Programme as part of their work

6 additional partner organisations delivered the programme in Gauteng, Natal and Zimbabwe

“Thank you for giving us the opportunity to apply the knowledge and skills we learnt to help children with the important and valuable gift of reading, as reading opens doors to various opportunities. Teaching is an art and can only make a difference when done with love.” (Volunteer)



We would like to extend a warm Wordworks “well done!” to all the exceptional people who have, in one way or another, been part of our work to support early learning, language and literacy. We wish you safe and happy holidays with your loved ones and we thank you for being part of the growing Wordworks family. We look forward to working with you again in 2015.