



## Theme: New Experiences

### Book title: STARTING SCHOOL

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## Make a salt dough bag tag

### You will need:

- Salt dough recipe:
- 2 cups of flour
- 1 cup of salt
- $\frac{3}{4}$  cup of water.

### Method

*NOTE: This can be a messy activity so you may want to wear smocks or do this activity outside.*

Mix all the ingredients together and knead into a ball. Roll out with a rolling pin or press out flat with hands. Use cookie cutters to cut out shapes and then gently push a chopstick or skewer into each one to make a small hole.

Arrange on a tray and leave to dry in the sun for a couple of days (or oven bake at 150 degrees for a couple of hours).

Paint and decorate and help your child add their name using textas.

Add a piece of string or coloured twine so it can attach to a bag, back pack or hung up as a decoration.

### Ideas:

Add a half teaspoon of cinnamon, nutmeg or allspice and make scented Christmas decorations to share with family and friends or to decorate your tree.

Talk about your childhood and the positive experiences you had at school with your child.

There is helpful advice and suggestions on the Raising Children Network's webpage about children starting School: [http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/starting\\_school.html](http://raisingchildren.net.au/articles/starting_school.html)

There is also information from the South Australian Department for Education and Child Development on starting Primary School here: <http://www.sa.gov.au/subject/Education%2C+skills+and+learning/Schools/School+life/Starting+primary+school>

## Key Message: The first five years matter and last a lifetime.

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