

## Theme: New Experiences

**Book title:** GRUG GOES TO SCHOOL

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## Make your own pencil case

### You will need:

- Template
- Coloured pencils, textas, etc
- Scissors
- Sticky tape.

### Instructions:

1. Colour in the template and decorate it as desired.
2. Cut out around the edge of the pencil case.
3. Fold along the dotted line.
4. Stick the short edges together with sticky tape, but leave the long side open.
5. Put the coloured pencils/ textas or other favourite small items into the pencil case and use it for imaginative/role play.

### Ideas:

Talk about playgroup, preschool, kindergarten or school with your child depending on their age. Set up some dolls or teddys and a small chair and try some simple role play such as reading a story to the 'children' or talking about that day's events.

Spend some time playing 'writing' and/or 'drawing' and allow your child to make all kinds of marks without correcting them to look exactly like letters of the alphabet.

Experiment with what fits into the pencil case – try different objects of all shapes and sizes. Talk about the process and what you find out with your child. Or try putting in items of just one colour.

Try hopscotch. Draw some chalk squares/shapes on the ground and count each time your child jumps or hops onto each one.

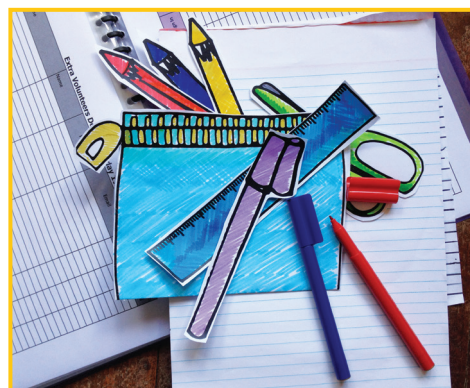
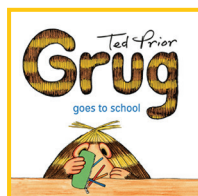
### Song:

Sing a counting song such as *Once I Caught A Fish Alive* or a colours song such as *Baa Baa Black Sheep* and change the colour of the sheep each time.

### Key Message: The brain develops through use.

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**Adult supervision is essential.  
Involve and talk with your  
child as much as possible.**

