

# Mitzie's Story

Mitzie Korlevic from Mentone, has sent both of her children, Ivan,7, and Luca,3, to Brainastics because she was keen to give her children the best head start she could.

“Ivan had a real desire to learn, he wanted us to explain everything and we always read to him,” said Mitzie. “Brainastics goes into things that, as a parent, I would not enter into and teaches children not just about the alphabet, but about sounds. For Ivan you could see that the ‘penny dropped’ when he started at Brainastics.”

Ivan is now at school and is ahead of his peers with his reading and writing.

“His teacher was so surprised,” said Mitzie. “She asked what he had been doing because he could put together words, and was writing, and none of the other children in his class were.”

“Ivan was blending his words, spelling and had mastered letter sounds and word formation by the time he got to school.”

As is the way with many siblings, Luca, Ivan's younger brother, is very different and not as interested in reading and writing.

“Luca jumps around a lot and finds it harder to concentrate,” Mitzie says about her second son. “He finds it harder to learn, but I know that at Brainastics he is definitely learning something! He is very kinaesthetic and seems to remember all of the actions that are associated with the letters. And for his age, he has a very good vocabulary.”

Mitzie says that as well as Brainastics it is important to spend lots of time as a parent helping your children to read and write.

“Really it boils down to lots of one on one time and lots of reading,” says Mitzie. “As every parent knows, it's just about time and effort.”