

A LANGUAGE RICH HOME: SUPPORTING ORAL LANGUAGE SKILLS

Speech-Language Program,
Inclusive Education

1 Be Together...



- Share an activity or an outing with your child.
- Make food and eat together.
- Build something together: a fort, crafts or with tools.
- Play together: with toys or outside.
- Talk while you are together: narrate what you are doing, describe what your child is doing.
- Remember together time: review your memories with your child or tell someone about your adventures in front of your child.



Play Today



Appetite to Play

2 Build Language...



- Talk to your child about what you see, also your thoughts and feelings.
- Explain new and interesting words to your child.
- Have family conversation at the dinner table, even if it is silly.
- Ask your child open ended questions, then expand their answers to add details and longer sentences.
- Have fun with words: sing songs, tell jokes and riddles, play word games like '20 questions' and 'I Spy'. These are great car games.
- Slow down and listen to your child when they speak to you.

3 Share Books ...



- Read together: visit the public library or get e-books using Libby app with your child's Public Library Student Card.
- Talk about the book while reading: comment, predict, review.
- Watch read-alouds on YouTube together, quality channel linked below.
- Read the same book many times.



StoryTime Anytime



Libby app

4 Add Audio...



- Audio books and podcasts add language on the move - while eating, playing or driving.
- Free audio books are available using Libby app with your child's Public Library Student Card.
- Free quality podcasts linked below.
- Listen together, when you can.



Sleep Tight



Kid Podcasts

5 Limit Devices...



- Understand guidelines surrounding technology and developing children, links below.
- Create family media rules: clearly communicate to your child *what*, *when* and *how* rules to provide boundaries for their device use.
- Use parental controls to take the pressure off enforcing rules - it can shut down on its own!



IHA Screentime Guidelines



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