



Summer Language Practice

The more we communicate with each other and interact with our environment, the better our language and ability to communicate becomes. Here are a variety of things you can do with your child to help them to strengthen their language abilities. This will assist your child in becoming more confident in his/her ability to communicate thoughts, ideas and opinions, as well as to become an independent problem solver. All of these skills are necessary to be a successful learner. 😊

- Share a book together, and talk about your favorite pages, characters, places, events or parts of the book.
- Discuss similarities and differences about wants and likes about people in your family, your friends, and characters in a story.
- Discuss similarities and differences about things such as foods, clothing, toys, rooms in your homes, places around town.
- Read, read, read together: books, recipes, packaging, signs around town, and talk about what you have read.
- Cook with your child. Follow the recipe or create one together!
- When shopping, provide a list of items, and talk about where each item is found in the store. Compare products or prices, and change your mind if you find something that is better for your family.
- Play active games (such as hide and seek) and sit down games such as Memory, Charades or Scrabble. Take turns and model having fun with healthy competition.
- Find words that are unknown and look them up together, learning about these words and making a list of new words learned over summer.
- Plan a dream trip, pretend to go there or learn all about your dream destination. Does everyone want to go to the same place, or will you be learning about several destinations?
- Talk, talk, talk with your child, knowing that listening and giving them wait time to create their own message is equally important to developing their communication.
- Have fun creating new summer memories!