

SUPPORTING LANGUAGE SKILLS IN THE HOME

Dear parents/caregivers, use these activities to target language skills in the home. Ask your child's speech therapist what goals you should be working on at home. Note: This is not a replacement for speech and language services. These activities are to supplement services and/or if there is a lapse in your child's speech therapy services. Below is a list of activities you could do, but not limited to, in the home. These will work for any goal your child has. Don't forget, activities should be FUN!

GOALS:

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

activities:

BOOKS

- Work on vocabulary, sequencing, retelling of the story, WH questions, grammar, predicting/inferencing, auditory and comprehension, etc. ALL goals can be targeted through books!
- Knowing your child's goals, pick out an appropriate book and work together through the book practicing those skills

BOARD GAMES

- Use board games with any goal. Practice skill before taking a turn.
- Work on turn taking skills, sentence structure, social language goals, WH questions, following directions, and more.

ART ACTIVITIES

- Work on vocabulary, verbs, following directions, categories, basic concepts (color, size, position), etc.
- Find easy crafts on Pinterest/google to complete together.
- Color, paint, use sidewalk chalk, etc. while discussing throughout.

COOKING

- Cooking is a language-rich activity. Work on vocabulary, sequencing, following directions, auditory and reading comprehension, and any other goal your child has.

DAILY ROUTINES

- Daily routines are the perfect way to address language skills such as sequencing, WH questions, following directions, and vocabulary. It is a natural and easy way to include language skill development in your everyday routines.
- Daily routines include getting dressed, meal times, bath times, etc.

MYSTERY BOX

- Hide items in a container, empty tissue box, bag, etc.
- After the child reaches in and pulls out an object, you can target: describing the object, WH questions, increasing sentence length or sentence structure (I see _____, I found _____), vocabulary, turn-taking, predicting, and more!

PRETEND PLAY

- Play dress-up, grocery store, doctor, house, and other fun pretend play games.
- Pretend play allows natural practice of language skills such as story telling, sequencing, vocabulary,