



Christ Our Model.
Children Our Focus.

Building Language Skills at Home

Preschool to Kindergarten years



PLAY!

- Have a family game night! Playing games not only helps your child's language grow, but also helps with:
 - Turn- taking
 - Asking and answering questions
 - Direction following
 - Memory
 - Board games are fun and easily engage children!
 - Guess who, Headbanz, Go fish
 - There are many fantastic games that are free and require no materials!
 - I-SPY: find something in the room and provide clues for your child to guess what item you're looking at (I-SPY something green)
 - Simon Says: give your child 1 and 2 step directions (Simon says touch your nose and jump up and down)
 - Play these games in the language you know best!
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READ!

- Reading and language go hand in hand so try to read to your child as often as possible!
 - Pick books with lots of pictures that are of interest to your child
 - Let your child turn the pages
 - Ask your child questions about the pictures as you read
 - Point out words that rhyme
 - Clap, tap, and snap out words with multiple syllables (el-e-phant)

SING!

- Sing songs that have repetition, rhyme, and use descriptive words like color (red, yellow), number (1,2,3) and location (in, on, under)
 - Down By The Bay
 - Itsy, Bitsy Spider
 - Baa Baa Black Sheep

TALK!

- Talk to your child about everything! You can talk about what you're doing while cooking or cleaning.
 - Try to be face to face with your child as much as possible!
 - Emphasize words that are new to your child
 - Ask how, what, and why questions
 - If your child makes an error, repeat the correct word or sound back to your child

For more information about building language rich environments at home, please check out the Talk Box at <https://www.alberta.ca/creating-language-rich-environments.aspx>
