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Talking Tool of the Month!



Parents can use *Talking Tools* to help support their child's speech and language development. Children who have strong speech & language skills will be better readers and writers. Each *Kid Talk* Newsletter will feature 2 *Talking Tools* that you can practice with your child.



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Talking Tools can be used at any time, in any order and in any language:

“Talk about what you see” - When you are at the grocery store, or out walking with your child—talk about what you are seeing. Describe it, name it, explain it! (i.e., “I see a fire hydrant. It’s red. A fire fighter attaches a hose to the fire hydrant. The hose will spray water. This will put out a fire.”)

“Use short simple sentences” - Children understand and learn new words when parents use short, simple sentences.



Polar Bear Craft & Poem!

• **Talk about Polar Bears:** Talk about what they look like, where they live, and what they eat. Read a book about Polar Bears.

• Cut out the shapes as seen in the picture. (Talk about the shapes as you cut them: **circles** for the body, head & ears, **ovals** for the nose, mouth & paws)

• Talk about the **parts of the polar bear** (Use words like: *head, body, paws, ears, nose, mouth*) Stack the shapes as seen in the picture. Complete the Polar Bear by drawing the eyes, nose, and mouth with a marker.



Winter words:

blizzard, carol, chimney, decorate, flyers, frozen, reindeer, shovel, skates, snow-angel, snowflake, snow-fort, snowstorm, stockings, toboggan, wreath



I'm a little Polar Bear

I'm a little polar bear
In the snow
I slide on my tummy
To and fro
I eat fish from the deep
blue sea
I am white,
as white can
be!



Time to Rhyme!!

- Experts in the field of literacy indicate that preschoolers who can recite Nursery Rhymes, are frequently among the best readers by the time they are 8 years old. Singing Nursery Rhymes with your child is a great way to develop language and early reading skills. Adding gestures can make them even more fun!

I'm a little Tea Pot

I'm a little tea pot,
Short and stout.
Here is my handle—
Here is my spout.
When I get all steamed up,
Hear me shout!
Tip me over and pour me out!



Itsy Bitsy Spider



The itsy bitsy spider climbed up the
water spout.
Down came the rain and washed
the spider out.
Out came the sun and dried up all
the rain.
And the itsy bitsy spider, climbed
up the spout again.

Language Milestones

All children develop differently. Due to the highly variable nature of speech and language development, the following are approximate age levels and milestones.

By 4 years old your child should:

- Begin to be aware of speech sounds, rhyme, and letter names
- Use sentences 4-5 (or more) words in length
- Describe steps in a simple familiar process (e.g. how to build a snowman)
- Stay on topic in a conversation for several turns

How Parents Can Help

- Read or tell your child stories at bedtime
- Talk about things that your child is interested in (i.e., favorite toys, books, animals, friends etc.). Talk and give your child frequent opportunities to practise talking.
- Use new words often. Repeat new words frequently in conversation.

Contact your school SLP if you have any questions.

