

SPOKEN LANGUAGE

“Home practice” examples

General tips

1. Talk through what is scheduled for the day.
2. Encourage your child to share ideas of fun activities.
3. Ask your child questions that require more than a “yes” or “no” answer.
4. Give your child time to respond to questions.
5. Talk about size, shape, color, quantity and other details to describe new ideas and concepts to children of all ages.



Traveling

- Look at places on a map or globe and talk about how far or close they are from your home.
- Discuss how you build a trip itinerary and include your child in the planning.
- Ask your child to name what to bring to specific vacation spots (e.g., floaties and a beach ball to the beach).



Fun Around Town

- Ask your child to name the equipment (e.g., slide) they want to play on while at the playground.
- Visit interactive exhibits at museums so your child can hear descriptions of the art they are seeing.
- Take turns describing your experiences with hands-on activities at science centers.



Errand Time

- Include your child in building a list of things to buy and places to go to complete errands.
- Point out summer (e.g., blackberries) versus fall (e.g., apple) fruits at the food market.
- Ask your child to name places they may go for specific errands (e.g., pharmacy for prescription medication).



Home Base

- Discuss the steps of a recipe (e.g., lemonade) and then make it together.
- Play games like *Mad Gab* that build speech sound awareness and vocabulary.
- Talk about chores and create a chore list.

