

PEP TALK

Parents and Educators Partner (PEP) and Talk

September

Themes This Month

Five Senses

People learn to use their five senses: sight, hearing, touch or feeling, tasting, and smelling. Help extend our learning by...



- * Demonstrating how we use our senses to discover & learn
- * Naming body parts (eyes for seeing, ears for hearing)
- * Exploring our senses & how we use them

Homes and Families

We are learning to appreciate our gifts of family and friends. Help us:

- * Name members of our family
- * Tell how family members help each other
- * Learn to be responsible and helpful



Talk to us about:

- * How people in our families are connected or related
- * How our family is alike or different from others
- * What makes our family and family members special
- * How friendships are formed and maintained

Connecting Learning at School & Home

1. Read books by authors Eric Carle or Lois Ehlert. Compare how the authors are alike & different.
2. Describe objects or places and identify colors, shapes, and sizes.
3. Sort family pictures & discuss relationships. Identify how people are alike & different, special & important.

Connections Between Language & Literacy...



Why is language so important?

It is a...

- * Social tool used to communicate & influence others
- * Learning tool as we learn HOW to listen
- * Speaking tool when we learn to use words carefully
- * Self-help tool when we learn to seek assistance & grow

What do I need to know about language and literacy?

Oral language is the listening & speaking part of communication. It is a PROCESS that develops naturally. Literacy, the reading & writing part of communication, is NOT a process that develops as easily as oral language. It is a learned behavior. Parents & educators help children become literate or learn how to read and write.

We Help Children develop oral language skills by: Listening & looking when they speak to us, reading print or books together, discussing what words mean, & speaking & reading with expression. Encourage children to "hear" rhymes & rhythm.