

Hello students and families. I hope you are all doing well during these difficult times. I miss all of my students and look forward to seeing you all again when we return to school. Below are some ideas for activities and ways help support your child's speech and language skills at home. If anyone has questions or would like to discuss their child's speech skills or additional resources such as articulation word lists for specific sounds, I can be reached through email at lrobillard@waterbury.k12.ct.us. I also can be contacted by going into the directory for your child's class on ClassTag and sending a message that way. I am available via email or ClassTag every day from 9:00-3:00.

~ Miss Robillard

- Talk! Talk! Talk! Talk to your child about their day and things they are doing, watching, learning, etc.
- Read! Read! Read! Read independently and together.
- Ask your child to tell you about a book they have read or that you are reading with them. Encourage them to describe the characters, setting, and events in the story. When reading together, ask them to make a prediction or guess about what they think will happen.
- Ask your child to describe the steps needed to complete an activity they have to do each day (i.e. brushing their teeth, cleaning their room, helping make dinner, etc)
- Play a game of I Spy. Pick an object such as a picture, toy, or object in the room and have them guess after giving them a clue such as "I spy with my eye something that is green". Allow your child to keep guessing until they get it and then switch and give them a change to pick an item for you to guess.
- Play a game of 20 Questions. Think of an object, person, place, activity and have your child ask questions to try and figure out what you are thinking about. For example, kids can ask questions such as "is it something we eat?", "is it something we wear?", "what color is it?", "what shape is it?". After your child guesses the item, switch and let them think of something while you ask questions to figure out the item.
- Play a game of opposites with your child. Give them a word and have them tell you a word that means the opposite. You could also do this with synonyms and have them tell you a word that means the same thing as the word you gave them.
- Play Simon says using 1-2 step directions. For older children you can give 3-step commands. For example, "Simon Says, Clap 3 times then tap your shoulders"; "Simon Says Name 3 animals we see in the zoo".
- Play rhyming games/ Give your child a word and ask them to tell you a word that rhymes with it.
- Gather objects that can be grouped into categories (e.g. a few things that are the same color, a few things that have numbers, etc) and have your child sort the objects into categories.

- Take two items or pictures and ask your child to identify ways the items are the same and ways they are different. This can be done with actual objects for them to look at or by giving them two words. For example, showing them an apple and an orange or giving them two words such as summer and winter.

Online Language Games

https://www.quia.com/shared/speech_therapy/

<https://www.quia.com/pages/havefun.html>

Online Articulation Games

<https://www.quia.com/pages/havemorefun.html>

<https://www.quia.com/pages/speachersclass.html>

Educational Games including Language Arts, Math, and Science

<https://mrnussbaum.com/>

<https://www.turtlediary.com/>

Additional Online Resources

https://www.superduperinc.com/handouts/pdf/582_BasicConceptsScavengerHunt.pdf

https://www.superduperinc.com/handouts/pdf/573_NoPrepTherapyAprilShowers.pdf

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