

Hello Parents,

Unfortunately, we are in a position where our students will not be receiving direct speech and language therapy until after the spring break (April 13<sup>th</sup>) due to the Coronavirus and school closures. We put together a list of resources and suggestions on how you can help your student with his or her speech and language development at home. **\*These are OPTIONAL learning activities\***

Each student has specific, individualized goals in one or more of the following areas: articulation (speech sound production), expressive language (how they use language to communicate), receptive language (how they understand language), and pragmatic language (how they use language in a social situation). The following resources address these areas. Remember you can work on language development during any activity... just start talking!

**Any play activity can build skills** in the following ways:

- **Practice turn taking** with back and forth play (passing a ball back and forth, throwing rolled socks in a laundry basket). If your child is working on articulation, have them practice a word before they take his/her turn throwing the ball or sock.
- **Encouraging requests**, this can be done at many levels (3 words together: I+want+object, I+ need+object) (4 words together: I+want+(color/shape/size)+object), "I+want+more+object)
- **Following directions**, place basic toys about 5 feet from you, and say, "Go get \_\_\_", make it fun with a race and cheer them on!
- **Play hide and seek with toys**, when your child finds the toy, you can start asking "WH" questions (Where was it?) (Why did you hide it there?) When answering "where", encourage good responses such as **on** the box, **in** the box, **under** the box, **in back** of the box, and **in front** of the box.

Take time to sing everyday: "Wheels on the Bus", "Hickory Dickory Dock", "Mary had a Little Lamb", and "ABC's". Have your child dance and imitate your motor actions. This is also a good way to work on articulation in connected speech. Sing slowly, encouraging your child to practice all of the sounds.

Take time to READ! Have your student identify by pointing to the characters and colors in the story. Ask lots of "WH" questions, "Who is that?" "Where is the duck?" "Where is green?" "What sound does the pig make?" If your child is having difficulty, MODEL MODEL MODEL.

The following is a list of resources:

### Online Resources

✓Free Printables for PreK-2nd Grade <https://www.teacherspayteachers.com/Store/Literacy-With-The-Littles/Price-Range/Free> (TPT is a great place to get free materials)

- ✓ Language and learning from Lakeshore <https://www.lakeshorelearning.com/resources/free-resources>
- ✓ At home OT, PT, and ST resources designed to build skills in children through movement and play. <https://www.theottoolbox.com/>
- ✓ The Speech Lady on YouTube is a great resource for speech and language!  
[https://www.youtube.com/user/HenkelSpeechTherapy/playlists?disable\\_polymer=1&fbclid=IwAR1vrUJyI9PeKb2PC-s1CXcu8X3y97II3b6tWMQuY1bdUsZDYp5GZK6Cqkk](https://www.youtube.com/user/HenkelSpeechTherapy/playlists?disable_polymer=1&fbclid=IwAR1vrUJyI9PeKb2PC-s1CXcu8X3y97II3b6tWMQuY1bdUsZDYp5GZK6Cqkk)
- ✓ The San Diego Zoo has a website just for kids with amazing videos, activities, and games. Enjoy the tour! <https://kids.sandiegozoo.org/>
- ✓ Indoor Activities for busy toddlers [https://busytoddler.com/2020/03/indoor-activities/?fbclid=IwAR3tYXAqw7tJRAzLExpPcJo4rApLsKtgL0AwghzxgnhwOajc4auX6o12\\_xw](https://busytoddler.com/2020/03/indoor-activities/?fbclid=IwAR3tYXAqw7tJRAzLExpPcJo4rApLsKtgL0AwghzxgnhwOajc4auX6o12_xw)
- ✓ Play games and learn all about animals  
<https://switchzoo.com/>
- ✓ Phonics skills <https://www.starfall.com/h/>
- ✓ Read, play games, and hang out with Dr. Seuss <https://www.seussville.com/>
- ✓ 300,000+ FREE printable worksheets from toddlers to teens <https://www.123homeschool4me.com/home-school-free-printables/>
- ✓ Fave kids books read by famous people <https://www.storylineonline.net/>
- ✓ Crafts, activities, mazes, dot to dot, etc, <https://www.allkidsnetwork.com/>
- ✓ Math and language games <https://www.arcademics.com/>
- ✓ Voice based learning... learn through Alexa <https://bamboolearning.com/resources>
- ✓ Fun games, recipes, crafts, activities <https://www.highlightskids.com/>
- ✓ Games to get "into the book" <https://reading.ecb.org/>
- ✓ Educational games K-12 <https://www.breakoutedu.com/funathome>
- ✓ Music is for everyone <https://musiclab.chromeexperiments.com/Experiments>
- ✓ Daily free science or cooking experiment to do at home. <http://www.clubscikidzmd.com/blog/>
- ✓ Reading passages for grades 3-12, with reading comprehension and discussion questions. <https://www.commonlit.org/>

- ✓ Digital learning content for preschool through high school <https://www.curriki.org/>
- ✓ Day-by-day projects to keep kids reading, thinking, and growing. <https://classroommagazines.scholastic.com/support/learnathome.html>
- ✓ 3 Free Weeks of Maker Stations to keep your children creating at home! Each challenge includes simple instructions using materials around the house, QR code video resources, and a student recording sheet. [bit.ly/freemakerstations](http://bit.ly/freemakerstations)
- ✓ Printable board games, activities and more for phonics and reading all using evidence-based methods. Can be customized to any student's needs including creating flashcards for other subjects. <https://dogonalogbooks.com/printables/>
- ✓ Engaging reading game for grades 2-8 that combines strategy, engagement, and imaginative reading passages to create a fun, curriculum-aligned literacy game. <https://www.squigglepark.com/dreamscape/>
- ✓ Educational brain breaks to help students review essential literacy and math skills, while getting in some exercise. Find over 900 videos to help your child keep learning at home and burn off some extra energy. Our site is best used for ages 4-8. <https://fluencyandfitness.com/register/school-closures/>
- ✓ Movement and mindfulness videos created by child development experts. <https://www.gonoodle.com/>
- ✓ Online education program for toddler through high school... <https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- ✓ Free printables library with activities for children 0-6 <https://www.littlesparkcompany.com/printables-library>
- ✓ Illustrated recipes designed to help kids age 2-12 cook with their grown-ups. Recipes encourage culinary skills, literacy, math, and science. <https://www.nomsterchef.com/nomster-recipe-library>
- ✓ 80+ do at home science activities <https://elementalscience.com/blogs/news/80-free-science-activities>
- ✓ Daily lessons and educational activities that kids can do on their own <https://www.superchargedschool.com/>
- ✓ Novel Effect makes storytime a little more fun for kids (and grown-ups too!) As you read out loud from print books (or ebooks!) music, sound effects, and character voices play at just the right moment, adjusting and responding to your voice. <https://noveleffect.com/>
- ✓ Quick & easy at home projects curated for kids 2 and up <https://www.kiwico.com/kids-at-home>
- ✓ PreK-12 digital media service with more than 30,000 learning

materials <https://www.pbslearningmedia.org/>

✓Critical Thinking resources for K-6

students <https://marketplace.mythinkscape.com/store/redtkids>

✓Short videos and readings that answer various burning questions for students. There are vocabulary challenges and comprehension questions. <http://wonderopolis.org/>

✓Phonics and learning to read <https://readingeggs.com/>

✓Phonics worksheets for kids <https://www.funfonix.com/>

✓Free stories online ages 3-12 <https://www.freechildrenstories.com/>

✓Games, quizzes and fact sheets take kids on a journey through time. <https://www.bbc.co.uk/history/forkids/>

✓Randomly generates 356,300,262,144 story starters <https://thestorystarter.com/>

✓Work on the 8 parts of speech <https://www.grammaropolis.com/>

✓Crafts, activities, bulletin board designs, and finger plays for early education teachers and parents to use with kids. <http://www.preschoolexpress.com/>

✓A large selection of fun songs to help teach preschool and kindergarten students <https://www.songsforteaching.com/preschoolkindergarten.htm>

✓Resource section includes free flashcards, coloring pages, worksheets, and other resources for children, teachers, and parents. <https://supersimple.com/>

✓Life skills curriculum for students in grades K-12. Their resources include strategies for teaching social and emotional skills. <https://www.overcomingobstacles.org/>

✓Cool Kid Facts gives your child access to educational videos, pictures, quizzes, downloadable worksheets, and infographics. They can use these to learn about geography, history, science, animals, and even the human body. <https://www.coolkidfacts.com/>

✓Tons and tons and tons of games some learning some just fun <https://www.crazygames.com/>

✓Crafts, projects, science, recipes for young children <https://www.funology.com/>

✓Toddler and preschool age ideas <https://preschoolinspirations.com/>

Thank you,

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