

Sunset Acres Elementary School

PRE-K NEWSLETTER #3

LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION SKILLS



Welcome!

Welcome to the third of four pre-K newsletters. This newsletter is all about language and communication skills, which are a child's understanding of spoken language and his or her ability to express thoughts and feelings.

Why is this important?

The bigger your child's vocabulary, the more they'll be able to relate to directions, conversations and text.

Expressive language is key in developing positive social interactions. Such things as responding to a question with a question, learning a variety of words for the same thing, and being able to retell a story or event, open the door of communication and understanding.

What should my child be able to do at this stage?

- Speak in full sentences and hold simple conversations
- Ask and answer questions (who, what, where, why)
- Understand and follow multi-step directions
- Use new vocabulary regularly and describe people, places, and events
- Tell or retell simple stories with a beginning, middle, and end
- Use correct grammar most of the time (e.g., plurals, basic verb tenses)
- Be understood by familiar adults most of the time
- Listen and respond appropriately during conversations

Still have questions? Contact Family and Child Education Anglophone West at 1-855-454-3762.

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LANGUAGE & COMMUNICATION - GAMES & ACTIVITIES



"Show & Tell Time"

- Have your child talk about a favourite toy or object
- Strengthens confidence, describing, and storytelling

"Pretend Play Talk"

- Act out scenarios (restaurant, doctor, store)
- Develops social language and conversational skills

"Story Builder"

- Take turns adding sentences to create a silly story
- Builds imagination, vocabulary, and sentence structure

"Question of the Day"

- Ask open-ended questions (e.g., "What was your favourite part of today?")
- Encourages conversation and expressive language

"Picture Talk"

- Look at pictures in books and ask, "What is happening here?"
- Builds vocabulary, observation, and sentence formation

"Sing & Rhyme Time"

- Sing songs and play rhyming games
- Supports listening skills and early literacy development