Key Area: Oral Language

Speech and Language Developmental Milestones

Now that I am 4 years old... I should be able to;

Promoting Literacy Development

Tips for Home

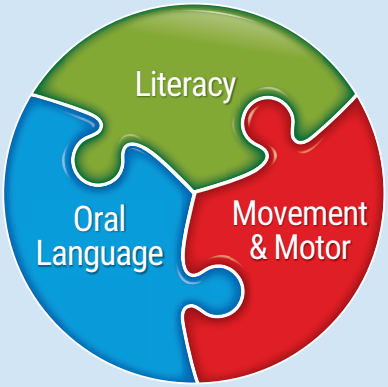
- Read stories and ask questions about the book.
- Encourage your child to retell stories using their own words.
- Make up stories using the pictures in books.
- Talk about past, present and future events with your child.
- Talk about what you are doing and ask your child to retell what you did together.
- Plan and rehearse your child's news prior to the school news telling day.

Causes for Concern

- A small vocabulary.
- Only uses short sentences or sentences with grammatical errors.
- Can not retell an event or simple story even with support.
- Difficulty following instructions.
- Difficulty understanding simple 'who', 'what' and 'where' questions.
- Child's speech is difficult to understand.
- Does not enjoy listening to stories.
- Short attention span.

Should you have any concerns about your child's development, consult a Speech Pathologist.

Understanding/Listening



- Follow 2-step unrelated instructions, eg: "Get your bag and put your shoes on."
- Follow instructions with up to 6 key words, eg: "Put the black box and the keys under Daddy's chair."
- Understand words such as 'yesterday' and 'tomorrow'
- Understand why and when
- Know colours and some numbers and shapes

Speaking

- Speak intelligibly with a few speech immaturities remaining
- Tell news with support
- Use basically adult like grammar
- Ask 'what', 'where' and 'why' questions
- Tell a long story, sing songs and retell a story
- Use future and past tense
- Use 'and', 'then', 'because' and 'but' in sentences

Play and Social Skills

- Make friends
- Use imaginary play
- Play simple games with rules
- Join in and start conversations
- Use an extensive vocabulary to express ideas and request information
- Enjoy social communication with a variety of people

PLD's programs that develop the above skills can be viewed by searching the codes: Mc4, AR35, 10m4, Pbr4, Sem4 on

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