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Tips for parents to aid development of Language/Literacy skills.

Junior – Senior Infants

Developing Oral Language

1. Listen to what your child is saying/trying to say and respond to contributions
2. Make and maintain eye contact while talking to your child.
3. Explain the meaning of words
4. Talk through activities
5. Talk through everyday experiences
6. Involve your child in discussions and plans
7. Ask/answer questions
8. Teach your child nursery rhymes/songs poems/raps.
9. Develop your child's receptive language by asking him/her to follow simple instructions
10. Assist your child to express ideas in an orderly fluent way
11. Read to your child.

Writing with your Child

1. Model writing yourself – shopping lists / letters / cards etc.
2. Provide opportunities for your child.
3. Display your child's name as often as possible i.e. Sean's Room.
4. Teach your child the letters in his own name.
5. Provide alphabet books / friezes.
6. Write messages to your child.
7. Encourage child to write his / her own messages.
8. Praise your child's efforts.
9. Ask child to read their own messages.
10. Praise their efforts at writing.

Reading with your Child

1. Read to your child as often as you can.
2. Talk about books / characters / plots
3. Enrol your child in the local library
4. Provide a good role model by reading yourself / other family members
5. Vary the type of books read – stories/ poems / information
6. Accept your child's efforts with praise
7. Concentrate on what he /she got right
8. Make reading together enjoyable