

READING NOOK

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Dear Parents,

Building your child's vocabulary is one way to help your child do well in school. Young readers use knowledge of words to help them make sense of what they are reading. The more words they know, the more they will be able to comprehend what they are reading. Talking to and reading with your child are two great ways to help them hear and read words. Sharing conversations and questions about interesting words from a book is an easy and non-threatening way to get new words into daily talk. Giving children a rich language environment is one of the best ways to build a foundation for reading success.

Best,
Mrs. Lomaga
& Ms. Perez

Ways to Increase Your Child's Vocabulary

Talk, Talk, Talk

(Have conversations with your Child)

- Talk about the things you see in your neighborhood, on trips around town, or on television
- When reading, pause to ask questions. Ex. "Why do you think he did that?"
- Use interesting and new words with your child. Ex. "This cookie is scrumptious! It is really good."
- Entertain your child's curiosity about words and their meanings

Walk, Walk, Walk

(Visit your local library)

- Select wordless picture books that provide an opportunity for literacy-rich conversations
- Take a "picture walk" through the pages of the book
- Talk about what you see (these conversations enrich storytelling)
- Go back through the book a second time and take turns telling a story

Plan, Plan, Plan

(Put your family calendar to work)

- Use activities going on during the month to put together a short list of interesting words (Ex. During August, your word list can include vocabulary words related to the weather like humid, hazy, and tropical)
- Develop a timeline with your child by flipping back and forth through the months (this will deepen your child's understanding of concepts such as before and after, yesterday and tomorrow, etc.)

Website Resources:

<http://vocabulary-vocabulary.com/parent-resources.php>
<https://www.parenttoolkit.com/academics/advice/english-language-arts/helping-your-child-build-a-strong-vocabulary>
<http://www.pbs.org/parents/>

We would like to thank all the parents who attended our December Parent Workshop on reading comprehension.

Our next workshop will be held on Tuesday, January 23rd from 2:30-3:30 PM. in Room 208. We will be discussing comprehension skills and strategies.