



Spring Language Skills

Here are some ideas of activities you can do at home with your child to develop their language skills, in addition to participating in the home reading program. **They are not recommended to all be completed each night.** Choose just one activity and spend no more than 10 to 15 minutes at a time.

1. Continue to read every night with your son or daughter. In order to develop reading skills and understanding, have him/her look at picture cues and track each word with their finger. Take a break during the story and have them retell what has happened up to that point, and make a prediction of what could happen next. After reading ask your child some questions such as who was in the story and have them retell the story from beginning to end. Remember to give them time to think before you start to help.
2. Read Dr. Seuss books with your child and see if they can identify rhyming words. Then try asking them which one doesn't rhyme – *cat*, *hat*, *sun*? or Where do you hear the /g/ in *pig*? (at the beginning middle or end of the word) What is the first sound you hear in *dog*?
3. Make 2 dice and write vowels on one and consonants on the other. Roll the dice and then place the consonant in front or behind the vowel. (a, e, i, o, u, y) Have your child sound out the combination. We have learned all the letters of the alphabet and the following combination sounds: é, in, on, ch, ou, eu, oi, an, en, am, em, è, ë, ien
4. Make up flash cards of sight words (see sight words list document) or sounds, and play a game of Bingo, Go Fish or Memory or use them as flash cards to practice instant recognition of words. You could also have your child give you a verbal sentence using one of the sight words.

Spring Math Games



The following ideas are a few activities that you can play with your child at home to help him/her with some Math skills. **They are not recommended to all be completed each night.** Choose just one activity and spend no more than 10 minutes at a time. Encourage your child to say their numbers in French.

1. Make two sets of cards with the number 1–30 on them. You can use these cards to play “Memory” or “Go Fish.” This game will help your child recognize these numbers. To make it harder, use numbers up to 50 or even to 100!
2. Using the number cards provided, play a game of “Make 10.” Lay out four cards face up and ask your child if they can make 10 with those cards. If they can, they get to take the pair of cards. If not, add one card at a time until they can make 10. You can also play Go Fish but instead of asking for pairs, you ask each other for a card that will make 10 with a card you have in your hand.
3. Help your child practice grouping objects by 10’s. Give them a handful of cereal, lego, or buttons and have them group the cereal in groups of 10. Help them count the total number by counting the 10’s first and then the singles. EX: 10, 20, 30, 31, 32, 33. Remember, **en français s’il vous plaît.**
4. Practice printing numbers. Watch how he/she is actually creating the number and help to correct any irregular number formations. Ask questions about the numbers: What number comes before/after 23? What number is two more than your number?
5. Roll two dice. Use the numbers on the dice and have your child add them together or subtract them. Try to have bingo chips, cereal, or beans on hand to help your child visualize the problem.

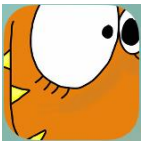
6. Ask your child to help you sort the laundry. Have them count how many socks, shirts, or pants there are. Ask questions about the numbers: Are there more socks or shirts? How many more socks than shirts are there?

Apps

Language Apps – All apps available on Apple and Android devices

Bloups ! – 18\$

This is a game that we use in class during centres to practice listening sounds and identifying the written form of the sound/sounds combination. The game builds from identifying 2 and 3 letter blends through complex sound blends and finally some common words. *There is a free app for Bloups ! that allows you to purchase the modules you would like but the best deal is to buy the full app.



Boukili – Free

You will have to create an account but it is free. This is a great app that starts from easy readers up to mid-end of grade one readers. It allows your child to listen to the book, read the book and even record themselves reading the book. It also asks comprehension questions!



Epic! – Free Classroom code: BHU-1679



This is an app that I have signed up for but you are able to use at home in a limited capacity. This app has many books to read but most are picture books and a handful are narrated. A good way to use this app would be to have your child point out any words they recognize in a story or to try sounding out some of the words in the stories.

Syllabique – Free



This app is good for practicing distinguishing different sounds but also for practicing how to spell (not all the words used on the app are

common words your child will already know. It is a similar concept to Bloups ! but uses real words and pictures to help determine which sound is missing.

Please also check the links tab on my website for useful websites!

Thank you for being a partner in your child's learning. I hope you have fun and enjoy the time you spend together. Remember no stress!

