

Nurturing Your Young Reader

Lesson 2: Language, Language, Language!

The Importance of Language Skills

- most important foundation for reading
- organize and make connections
- interaction with the outside world
- a head start



Don't Derail Progress!



Directive Language vs. Conversational Language

Closed vs. Open Questions

Read-Aloud Tips

- Use the pictures
- Ask for explanations
- Describe illustrations
- Play 20 Questions
- Play I Spy
- Make predictions
- Summarize
- Tell and re-tell the story



Language Experience

A method of teaching reading using a child's own language in written form.

- Strengthen connection between printed and spoken words
- Strengthen concepts of print
- "Read" the print easily
- Build self-esteem

Language Experience

Here's how:

- Get paper and pencil.
- Have your child tell a story, relate an event, or discuss something important to them.
- Record your child's words exactly as spoken.
- Recopy in block printing or type in a large font and print out.
- Assemble into a book if desired.
- Have your child "read" the words.
- Illustrate if desired.

Language Experience

Supplemental Activities

- Find familiar words that are recognized in isolation.
- Cut the sentences apart and arrange back into order.
- Sort words by phonetic elements.
- Cut words apart and arrange back into sentences.
- Cut paragraphs apart and put into proper sequence.

Now Keep Going!



Be sure to read the PDF of Lesson 2! There are more great ideas, and at the end, you'll find four related activities to use with your child or children.

Don't forget to record your thoughts and the outcomes of your activities in the Personal Learning Log, and to explore the other sections of this lesson, as well.
