

June Tips for Language and Literacy Skills

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Oral Language

- Play 'How many?' together around the house, in the car, out and about etc.
- How to play:
 - Ask your child how many items they can name from a specific group or category. You can tie it into the month of June or just make it a random category.
 - Sample questions:
 - How many insects can you name that have six legs?
 - How many food items can you name that you might see at a summer dinner?
 - How many desserts can you name?
 - How many types of flowers can you name?
 - How many animals can you name that eat leaves?
 - How many summer activities can you name?

Reading

- Twenty minutes a day is all it takes to develop your child's reading skills. Here are six strategies you can use to build a better reader!
 - Create reading rituals and read together everyday
 - Talk about the pictures in the book and ask and answer questions about the stories
 - Share different kinds of books together
 - Read with expression. Use silly voices and make the pages come alive!
 - Help your child find words he/she knows as you read
 - Read favourite books again and again!

Writing

- Have fun writing down answers to silly questions related to the month of June
- Sample Questions:
 - Father's Day is in June. Think of a wonderful time you have had with your father/grandfather/uncle and write them a letter
 - You have \$20 to spend on goodies for summer. What will you buy and why?
 - Write down a list of things you could do on a rainy summer day.
 - If I was trapped in a zoo overnight I would...
 - If you created and opened a new summer camp for kids what would it be like?