

March Tips for Language and Literacy Skills

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Oral Language

- Play a describing game at home:
 - Take turns choosing an object, animal, food etc. to describe. Answer each question in a full sentence. Then choose another item to describe.
 - What group or category does it belong to?
 - What do we do with it? What does it do?
 - What does it look like? – Colour, size, shape
 - What is it made of? – Materials, ingredients?
 - What parts does it have? What parts go with it?
 - Where do we find it?
 - Any other fun facts about it?

Reading

- Try to read for 20 minutes each night with your child. After they have read a book with you continue the conversation about the book. Ask them questions like:
 - What did you notice about the story?
 - Does the book remind you of anything?
 - What have you been wondering as you read?
 - Does this book make you think of anything else you have read?
 - What was your favourite part?
 - Were there any parts that surprised you?
 - What are we going to read next?

Writing

- Have fun writing down answers to silly questions related to the month of March
- Sample Questions:
 - As I was looking for a pot of gold at the end of a rainbow, I was surprised to find...
 - What would happen if it really did rain cats and dogs?
 - What do you think about rainy days?
 - How would you catch a shooting star?
 - Pretend you are a magic pencil. Everything you draw comes to life. What happens?