

Speech Therapy News

Eastwood Eagles Edition: Week 7

April 27 - May 1, 2020: Lots and lots of camping and s'more activities this week... I love being outside and I LOVE chocolate & marshmallows! Make sure to have fun this week!! Happy Talking, Miss Becca/Mrs. Perkins :)

Language Activities

Preschool - 2nd Graders:
Lots of different activities revolving around camping and s'mores! These activities cover increasing vocabulary, following directions, retelling/sequencing, and more!

One Sheet Language Activity:
Complete the language sheet, one task at a time. :)

3rd and 4th Graders: There is a story titled "Camping in the Woods." Read the passage and then answer the questions. **Bonus points** if you use complete sentences and highlight your answers in the text!



Social Skills & Family

Preschool & Kinders:
The weather is finally warming up - let's get outside and play with bubbles! Practice taking turns, making requests, and waiting!

1st through 4th Grade:
One Sheet Social Skills Practice and some S'More conversation task cards! Can you keep the conversation going?!? :)



Speech Sounds

All Students: There are several different activities - one uses a dice, one has you drawing bugs, and one is a search and find! If you need another word list (or more words) - *please let me know*. Keep practicing!!

A Note to Parents:

Pragmatic Language refers to social language and how we interact and communicate with the people around us. It is important that children are able to develop and grow their pragmatic language skills in order to initiate and maintain conversation, problem-solve, understand and use body language, make and keep eye contact, and interpret others' emotions and intentions.

While we are faced with a new and unexpected change in learning and in our routines, it's important to get back to basics. This poster is a great visual for basic social skills to focus on this week!

Pick one or two a day to target and have the whole family involved! :)

Need a wonderful dinner conversation topic? How do these skills contribute to living the Eagle Way?

We're all in this together!
Happy Talking Eagles!

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GRIT
IS A CHOICE

"True grit is making a decision and standing by it, doing what must be done."

- John Wayne

Cooking up Speech!

No campfire? No problem!
This is a quick and easy to get all of the S'more flavor with only a fraction of the mess! (Hopefully!) Cooking provides so many language opportunities:

- identifying and labeling tools and ingredients
- answering questions - "what's next?"
- describing how the food tastes and looks
- sequencing the steps

Don't forget to send me a picture of your kitchen creations! :)



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Important Message:

Hello Parents! We are really rocking and rolling now! *Thank you so much for your patience and commitment.* Please make sure that your child is ready to work and in quiet place for 20-30 minutes while we complete our session. Please continue to check your emails! **Thank you!**

This Week's Focus:

Social skills (also referred to as pragmatic language) are best worked on in the context that they might occur. Since we are unable to get out into the community right now, try practicing some of these strategies and then calling or Facetiming a friend or family member for practice! :)

- Sentence Starters can kick start the brain to formulate an idea that might be too difficult otherwise. Try starters such as, "over the weekend..." or "my favorite character is..." to help build a repertoire for conversations.
- Question Prompts also help your child initiate conversation with peers. Practice some basic questions such as "what's your favorite movie?" or "do you like to go to the beach?"
- Set Clear Expectations - if you are calling a loved one, let your child know that "we are going to practice our speech goals - so we need 2 good questions and 2 good answers!" Don't force the conversation, but rather have fun with it and keep it a positive experience.

