



Enrichment for our English Learners

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What the Research Shows

What families do to help their children learn is more important to their academic success than how well-off the family is...

A parent is a child's first and most important teacher, and a great deal of learning occurs before children begin school. By the age of three, for example, children have acquired more than half the language they will use throughout their lives.

Research Continued...

Studies show that **frequent, open family discussions** are associated with higher student achievement. To improve communication, it is imperative that parents listen to their children with an open mind.

When listening to your child, these are suggested comments:

“Tell me more about that.”

“What happened next?”

“Is that everything?”

“How does that make you feel?”

“I understand what you are saying.”

“That is very interesting. What else happened?”

How can I Support at Home (or “on the go”)

Talk. The first form of writing is oral language. We write how we talk....

- Encourage **conversation** with your child (in your primary language). Show him/her that what she has to say is important.
- **Model the language** you wish your child to use (such as tone/expression, complete sentences, order words, using precise words (ex. “enormous” instead of big), adding details, and expanded sentences. Remember, children speak what they hear.

Reinforcing Skills through the Native Language

Continue to speak to your child in the **native language**, which will strengthen academic skill that will **transfer** into English

1. **Read and ask questions** about the reading
2. Practice **storytelling**
3. Ask about your child's day, reinforcing details and time/order/sequence words (such as first, next, then, after that, later, suddenly, ...)
4. Writing stories, captions for their illustrations, home-made books...

Types of questions:

Ask your child questions that encourage him or her to:

- **Tell** in their own words and make a connection to themselves, something they have read, or to the world
- **Explain** and give examples
- **Predict** what would happen
- **Give** an opinion
- **Solve** a problem
- **Create** a plan
- **Compare** two or more choices

Common Core Standards:

Research to Build and Present Knowledge

What it means: Students will be working with classmates on research and writing projects. Together they'll collaborate to gather information and present findings in an accurate way.

How parents can help: Consider checking out some "how-to" books from the library. Discuss the way the book is designed to teach someone to do something. Notice the format, short directions, and pictures or diagrams. Then, choose a topic to create your own family "how-to" book. It could be for a well-loved recipe or some other task that has multiple steps — how to clean the bathroom, unload the dishwasher, or program the DVR.

Text Types and Purposes

What it means:

We write for many different purposes, and these standards address that fact. Teachers will be asking students to write opinion pieces about books or topics, informative pieces that contain facts about a topic, and more traditional-style writing called narrative in which students write about specific events or details.

How parents can help:

Help your child see the different types of writing you do in your adult life. Talk about the writing you do for work and the more casual writing you do to friends. Then have fun encouraging your child to write their own opinion pieces — ask them to write a review of last night's dinner or the last family movie you watched.

Additional Activities to Support Common Core

Writing: <http://tinyurl.com/Writingtipsparents>

Reading: <http://tinyurl.com/Readingtipsparents>

The same links are available in Spanish

<http://tinyurl.com/Writingtipsparents-Spanish>

<http://tinyurl.com/Readingtipsparents-spanish>

Encourage Peer Interaction

Seek opportunities to connect your child with their peers to increase social skills and to practice English:

1. Playgrounds, play groups :
2. Summer classes
3. Team sports
4. Library events
5. Volunteer opportunities





Summer Library Activities

Fremont Main Library Link:

<http://www.aclibrary.org/fremont>

Books on CD (to hear language)
Toddler Groups (such as storytime)
Summer Reading Games & Classes
Teen Volunteer Opportunities
English Classes

Classes and Activities- City of Fremont



<http://tinyurl.com/CityofFremont>

(510) 790-5520

***Someone is available to speak in Spanish if needed.**

3300 Capitol Avenue, Building B

Fremont, CA 94537

Open: M-F 8:30am-5pm

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Scholarships are available!!
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See application. If you qualify, you will receive:

- \$75 value toward classes
- 3 free weeks of playcamp (ages 6-11) 9:30am-2:30pm
- 4 free waterpark tickets

Free Summer Concerts- Lake Elizabeth

<https://www.fremont.gov/290/Summer-Concert-Series>

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6-8 pm



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July 28	—	AjaVu/Stealin' Chicago (Hits by Chicago & Steely Dan)
August 4	—	Evolution (Ultimate Tribute to Journey)
August 11	—	East Bay Mudd (Big Horn Band Playin' R&B Hits)

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Resource Links

Great site!! Storybooks read online by famous actors:

<http://www.storylineonline.net/>

Online learning resources:

<http://tinyurl.com/onlinelearningtools>

10 Fun Ways to Keep Your Children Learning This Summer

<http://tinyurl.com/10summerlearningactivities>

Educational apps related to their favorite kids' shows:

<http://pbskids.org/lab/apps/>

Additional Links...

Loads of summer learning ideas!!

<http://tinyurl.com/summerfamilylearningideas>

International Children's Digital Library (many languages available)

<http://en.childrenslibrary.org/index.shtml>

Reading Tips - preK- 3rd Grade in 11 different languages!

<http://www.readingrockets.org/article/reading-tips-parents-11-languages>