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Speaking to baby throughout the day helps to build vocabulary. The larger the vocabulary, the better baby will understand language and what she reads later on. Make sure to imitate baby’s sounds and to make baby part of the conversation. Try asking open-ended questions and waiting for an answer.

BABY

- Take a walk with baby in the stroller. Talk about what you see around you. Stop the stroller and point things out.
- Give your baby the gift of vocabulary! “Sprinkle”, “pour”, “spray” and “splash” water. Talk about “cool”, “warm”, “freezing” and “wet” water. “Dribble/drizzle” water on baby’s hand. Then “pour” it quickly and slowly on baby’s foot.

TODDLER

- Teach your child words for their feelings. Show them pictures in books. Tell them when you are happy or surprised or worried. Toddlers especially enjoy learning the word, MAD! Encourage them to talk about how they feel.
- Practice your manners. Teach your child to say: “May I...” “Please” and “Thank You”. Prompt your toddler...“what do you say?”

PRESCHOOLERS

- September starts with the letter “S”. What is the sound of “S”? What animal says “sss”? Is it a SSSSsnake? How many things can you find that begin with that sound? Can you find a “Sssstop Ssssign”?
- Talk about how vegetables and fruit grow...In the ground? On a bush or vine? On a tree?

DO

TALK TO YOUR CHILD...

WHERE DO YOU WANT TO GO? WHY? HOW WILL YOU GET THERE?

LIBRARY
PLAYGROUND
PIZZA

BIRTHDAY
GRANDPARENTS
PRESCHOOL
GROCERY STORE

SAY!

In Spanish: el carro; el coche

In Sign: CAR

Hold your arms chest high, elbows bent up, and loose fists, steering wheel height. Circling in front
Imitate steering with your hands. Make car noises.
(“Truck sign (el camion)” is the same sign as car, but wider - past your shoulders. “Bus sign (el autobus)” tips the wheel down in front of your belly, and circles out.)