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Spring into Speech and Language with ASLS Spring Themed Speech Activities



Spring fever is in the air! Here are some spring-themed activities you can do with you kids that are sure to please.

Get a bucket and fill it with “springy” things. They are very easy to come by this time of year. You can make a trip to the dollar store or find objects you already have lying around the house. You could also print spring-themed pictures from your computer.

Here are some suggestions:

Eggs, flowers (fake or real), baby animal figurines or pictures, a baggie full of green grass, baggie with soil, baggie with leaves, packet of seeds, small shovel, gardening gloves, pictures of butterfly or other insects, etc.

Receptive Language

*Blindfold your child or have them turn around. Pull something out of the bucket and describe it to your child and have them guess what the item is. Try to include as many senses as possible: explain what it looks like, smells like, feels like, and in some cases, sounds and tastes like.

*Have your child follow your directions about where to put the items around the room.

Expressive Language

*Have your child choose items out of the bucket and explain them to you without you looking. Encourage them to use as many senses as possible to describe.

*Have your child hide an item somewhere in the room and give you three clues about where it is hiding using full sentences.

*Have your child pull three items out of the bucket and help/encourage them while they make up their own story using the items.

Sequencing

Print these sentences, cut them into strips, and have your child put the strips in the correct order.

*Buy a pack of seeds

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- *Dig a hole in the dirt in a pot
- *Place the seeds in the hole
- *Cover the hole with dirt
- *Water the seeds and make sure they get sunshine
- *The seeds sprout and grow

Categorizing

This time of year, colorful plastic eggs are inexpensive and easy to come by! Have your child sort the eggs by color and size. Print and cut out the following words, or use pictures of objects and put them inside the eggs. Have your child open the eggs and categorize the words based on the season.

Words to print:

Baby animals, eggs, bloom, planting seeds
 Hot, swimming, popsicles, sweat, sunglasses
 Orange leaves, cool, pumpkins, spiders, raking
 Snowflakes, snowman, cold, coats, hot chocolate

Literacy

- *Check out books from the library about spring
- *Talk about the vocabulary words in the book
- *Talk about sequences you see in the book
- *Answer questions about the book
- *Talk about how the characters are feeling and why they feel that way

Articulation

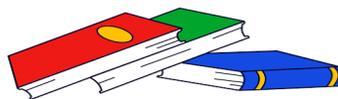
Make flash cards for your child using spring words and pictures. Some word ideas are: butterfly, caterpillar, frog, bee, ladybug, rabbit, bird, cloud, rain, rainbow, umbrella, rainboots, flower, grass, puddle, seeds, pot, plant, grow, bloom, jump, and hatch.

Practice the word list with your child. Be sure to include words that have the speech sound your child is working on in therapy.

We hope you and your child will have fun doing these spring-themed activities!

**excerpts of article Spring into Speech and Language! Spring Themed Speech Therapy Activities written by Lindsey, a M.S., CCC-SLP from Salt Lake City, UT.*

EXCITING NEWS!!



Beginning June 8th, ASLS is pleased to offer **READING TUTORING!**
 Please ask front office staff for more information.

Please join us in welcoming Tara, our reading specialist & SLP! Tara is trained in Orton-Gillingham, Wilson, and Spell-Links.





STAR CLIENTS: Grant & Hazel A., Maplewood Office

Grant and Hazel have been coming to ASLS since October 2016. Grant's SLP is Stacie, and Hazel's SLP is Sarah M. Here is what they say about their progress at speech.

"The twins are working on putting together two-and three-word phrases. They are also working on using their own words to label objects and pictures, making requests during play, and following directions."

Fun Facts about Grant:

Grant is 2 (almost 3!) years old. Grant's favorite color is red, Grant's favorite thing to do is to go outside and explore – no matter what the weather. Grant's favorite animal is elephants.

Fun Facts about Hazel:

Hazel is 2 (almost 3!) years old. Hazel's favorite color is orange, Hazel's favorite thing to do it sing and listen to music- she always has a song. Hazel's favorite animal is a pig.

Family Friendly Twin Cities Spring Farmers Markets

Visiting a farmers market is a great activity to do with your whole family. Here are some local farmers markets for you to enjoy.

*St. Paul Farmers Market: 290 E. Fifth Street, St. Paul, 55101. Open Saturday 6:00-1:00 and Sunday 8:00-1:00.

*Midtown Farmers Market: Lake St. E & 22nd Ave. S., Minneapolis. Open Saturdays 8:00-1:00. This market offers live music, children's educational activities and story time.

*Northeast Farmers Market: 629 NE 2nd Street, Minneapolis. Saturdays 9:00-1:00. This market offers a children's tent with educational market activities such as seed planting, food-themed art projects, story time and more.



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