

**Stimulating Language Development after COVID Deficits of Social Interactions**

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**Windows of Opportunity: Language Development**

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**Language is Social**

- People to communicate with
- Experience to talk about
- Responsive interactions




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**During Pandemic**


1. Less social contact
2. Limited experiences
3. More screen time
4. Book sharing impacted




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**Varied Language Experiences**

- Quality and quantity of words heard
- Responsiveness
- Books Sharing
- Conversations
- Encouragement
- Cultural and family differences



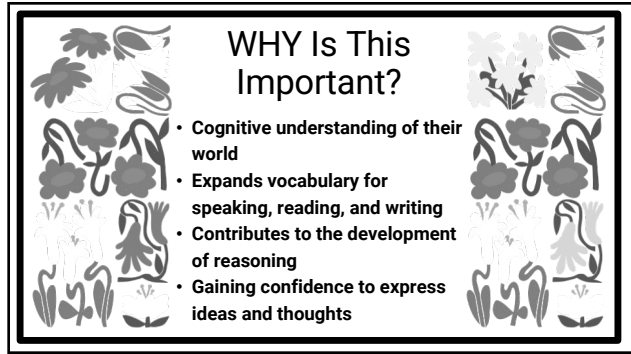
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## Bilingual Young Children

- Immersed in language-rich environment
- Use different languages in different settings
- Meaningful conversations in different languages
- Speaking various languages is beneficial for brain connections

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## WHY Is This Important?

- Cognitive understanding of their world
- Expands vocabulary for speaking, reading, and writing
- Contributes to the development of reasoning
- Gaining confidence to express ideas and thoughts

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## Infants



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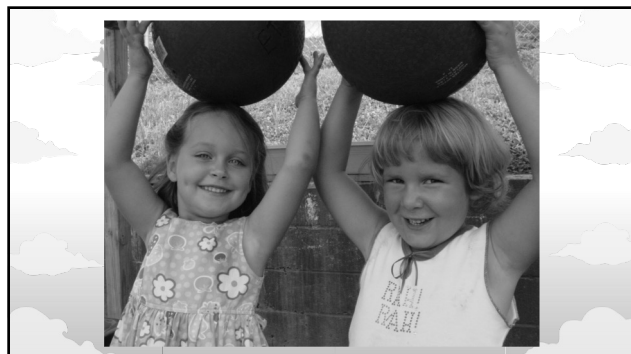
## Language Explosion

**Toddlers:**  
18-24 months  
have 25-50  
words

**By 6 years of age, they can have as many as 14,000 words**

(Hoff, E. 2009. Language Development at an Early Age: Learning Mechanisms and Outcomes from Birth to 5 years)

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### Oral Language:

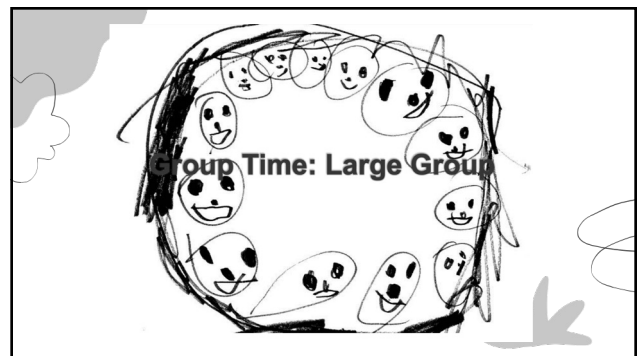
- The foundation for literacy
- Basic for reading and writing
- Gain confidence in communication
- Loban's longitudinal study

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### A Conscious Decision To Say or Interact With a Child

Turn taking: Tennis Game	Be present, connect and extend learning
<b>SERVE AND RETURN</b>	Listening to the child

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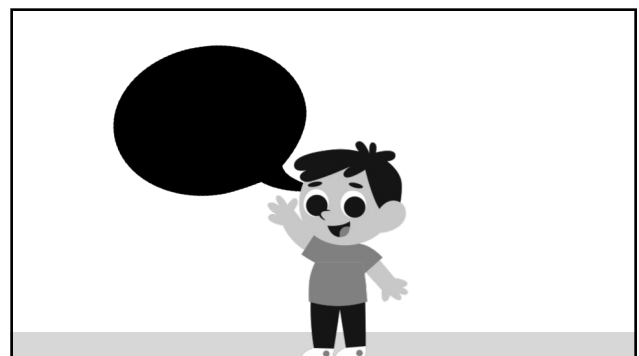


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### What Happens in Community Meeting?

<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Conversations</li> <li>• Sharing</li> <li>• Reading Stories</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Songs</li> <li>• Choosing Centers</li> <li>• Introducing New Information/Activity</li> </ul>
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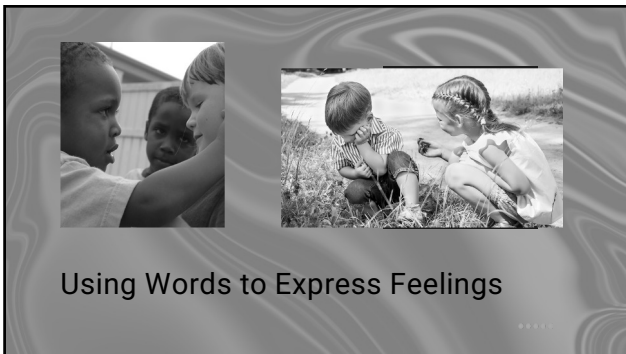
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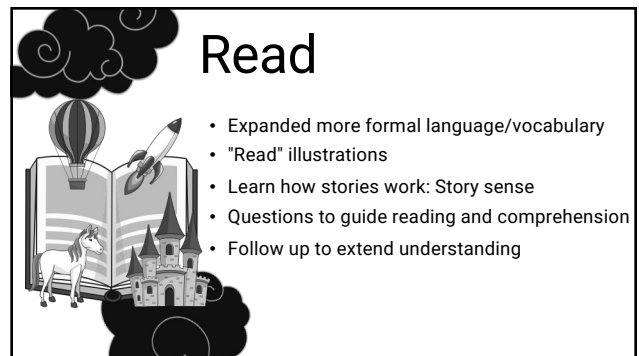
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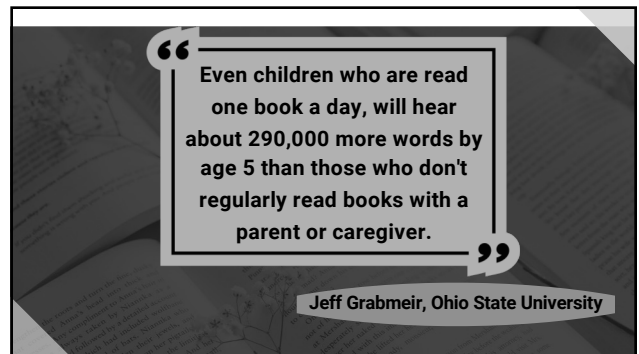
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## Why Tell Stories

- Captures interest
- Invites active participation
- Can be adjusted to different groups of children
- Focused eye contact
- Understands the story and can retell

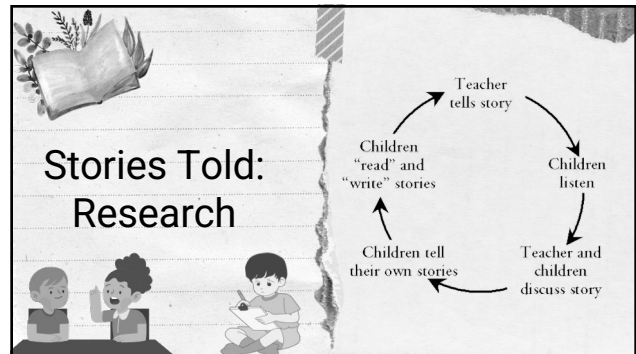
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### "Millions of Cats" By Wanda Gag

- Repetitive Phrases
- "Hundreds and thousands and millions and trillions of cats"
- "The ugly cat becomes the most beautiful cat in the world" (because it was fed and groomed and loved)



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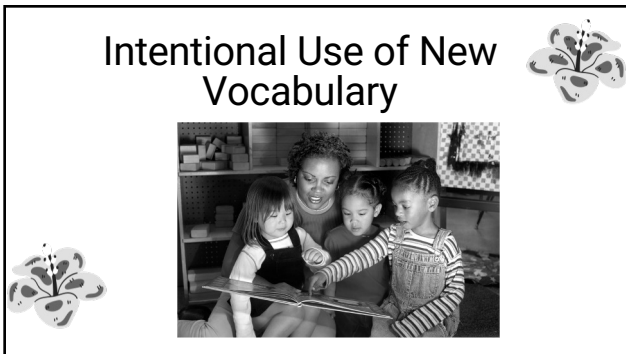


Library  
Center ✨

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Intentional Use of New  
Vocabulary

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Language  
Accompanying  
Actions

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Conversations:  
Powerful Interactions

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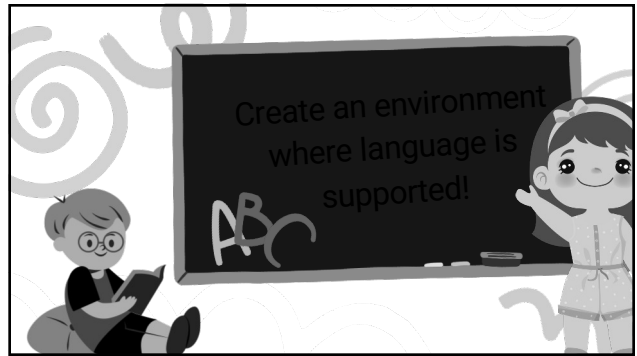


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Talk

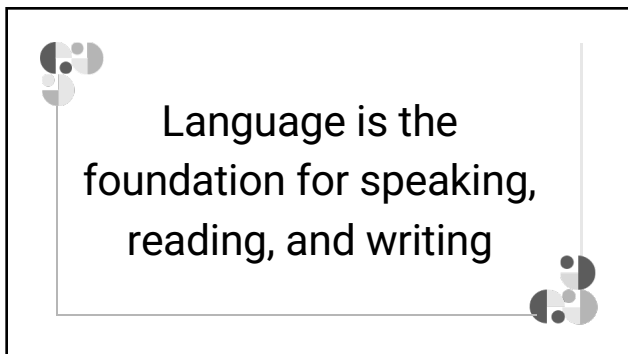
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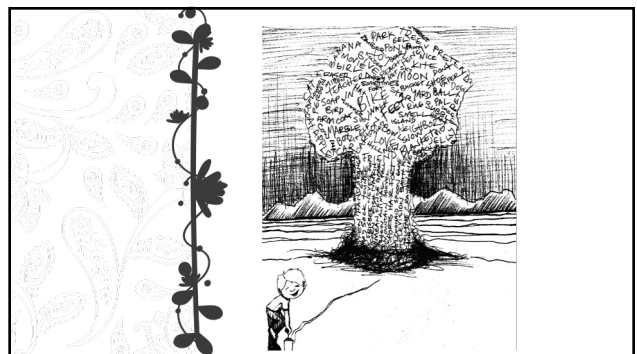
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