

# Communicating for Fun

Parent and Child Activities to Promote Better Speech, Language and Hearing

## BUSY, FUN LEARNING

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
<p>Go outside together. Take a jar to collect bugs.</p> <p>Collect and name the bugs, have your child name the bugs after you.</p> <p>Say, "This is a cricket, can you say cricket?"</p> <p>Chirp like a cricket together.</p>	<p>Build a house out of blocks with your child.</p> <p>Use some of the blocks as people or cars.</p> <p>Talk while you build and play.</p> <p>Say, "Let's get some people for this house. Do the people need cars to drive?"</p>	<p>Talk about sizes using real objects.</p> <p>Take some blocks and point out big blocks and little blocks (measure the ones on this page too).</p> <p>Do the same with: bowls in your kitchen, containers, and balls.</p>	<p>Have your child pick a favourite toy.</p> <p>Have your child watch you hide the toy. Wait a few seconds and then ask him/her where the toy is.</p> <p>Take turns hiding the toys.</p> <p>Celebrate with cheers and clapping.</p>	<p><b>FOLLOW ME</b></p> <p>Raise your voice and arm when saying, "Up." Lower your voice and arm when saying, "Down."</p> <p>Have your child imitate you.</p> <p>Try this with other opposites: tall - short, big - small.</p>	<p>Sing "The Hokey Pokey".</p> <p>Touch each body part so your child knows which one to stick out.</p>
					<b>Sunday</b>
					<p>Turn on some music that has no words.</p> <p>Give your child a crayon and paper and have them draw to the music.</p>

### Key Words

Bug, Up, Down

Repeat these words often during the week and give your child the opportunity to hear and say them.

