

CREATING COMMUNICATION RICH ENVIRONMENTS FOR:

EARLY LANGUAGE AND SOUNDS

Everyday:

- Give your child every opportunity to see your face when you speak.
- Make sound effects or give words ("Splash!", "on") for actions and items and
- Take turns in games and activities to help your child learn about turn taking in conversations.
- Use routines and talk about what you are doing.

Songs and Books:

- Keep books and songs interactive with actions, volume and voice tone.
- Make songs about daily routines that you can sing everyday - remember repetition is key!

Try reading:

Brown Bear (Bill Martin & Eric Carle)
Moo Baa La La La!
(Sandra Boynton)

Try singing:

The itsy Bitsy Spider
The Wheels on the Bus
Old MacDonald Had a Farm

Community and Online resources

- Storytime at your local library
- Family resource programs at your community centre
- More Than Baby Talk: <http://mtbt.fpg.unc.edu/more-baby-talk>
- Zero To Three: <http://www.zerotothree.org/>



References:

Island Health flyers; Hanen, It Takes Two To Talk; Alberta Talk Box; More than Baby Talk