

From the Speech Room **Welcome Autumn!!!**



Welcome back to another year at Westbridge Academy. I hope the summer was good to everyone and that we all had a chance to refresh and reset our goals for the remainder of the 2019 school year. Our students will also have a chance to start anew and we hope that they can flourish and succeed in our program here at Westbridge.

I will be welcoming back my speech students this year to a new and larger speech room on the 2nd floor of our school. I am loving the space and I think they will too! As always, I ask our parents and guardians every year to engage with their children and help them improve their language skills at home, as well as in school. There are some very easy things you can be doing every day that will increase their vocabulary and expand their expressive speech.

1. Do not accept one-word answers. (ask them to speak in sentences as much as possible)
2. Read to them every day for at least 15 minutes.
3. Include them in household activities such as cooking, cleaning, laundry and yard work.
4. Provide outside experiences, as simple as a trip to the local library or a museum.

Our environment is rich in vocabulary; the more they experience, the larger their vocabulary will become. I again look forward to a wonderful speech year.

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