## The Speech/Language and Reading Corner "Our Speech is Blooming"

Springtime is here which brings many opportunities for us to shower our children with opportunities to expand their speech and increase vocabulary!! The best way to increase language skills is through life experiences. Now that we are beginning to emerge from our homes and go outside it is the perfect opportunity to take advantage of all the ways we can help our children develop and enhance their speech.

- Take a walk to the park, talk about the season of spring, ask questions, such as, What do we wear in spring?, How is spring different from winter?, What happens outside in spring?, What color does the grass turn?, etc.
- Talk about planting seeds in the spring. What do you need for a flower to grow? Name as many flowers as you can think of.

Read books about the spring season, such as, "Planting A Rainbow" by Lois Ehlert and "Who Likes Rain" by Wong Herbert Lee.

- Do a springtime activity together, such as, growing flowers from seeds or coloring a rainbow.
- Practice springtime vocabulary words:

Baseball Growing

Planting Blossoms Blooming Seasons Butterfly Breezes In my speech room, the students will be incorporating spring into all their speech practice, we will be making pinwheels with synonym words on them, we will be coloring April umbrellas which will have words with our sounds that we are working on and we will be planting seeds and growing flowers while reading a book about the different types of flowers.

Spring is also the time to review our past work and set goals for the next school year. Our students always seem to do their best when they are participating in activities they enjoy. Keep that in mind at home also and plan activities that you can enjoy together, as simple as, going to the local library and picking out a few books to planning a walk to the park with a picnic lunch. The simpler the better and you and your child will appreciate the family time together.

## Happy Springtime!!!!!!

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