

Jump Start To Learning



Oral language is an important part of your child's development. It is easy for parents to incorporate language into everyday moments.

Oral Language in the early years....



[Story Link: The Legend of the Northern Lights](#)

When to add Language?

- * At playtime
- * During meal time
- * While driving in the car
- * Quiet moments before bed

Gingerbread Playdough

- 2 cups flour
- 1/2 cup Salt
- 4 TBSP Creme Tartar
- 2 TBSP Oil
- 1 Tsp Cinnamon
- 1 Tsp Nutmeg
- 1T sp Cloves
- 2 Cups Boiling Water

[Play-dough Fun Link](#)

Activities that enhance oral language development:

- Reading to your child
- Tell stories - use pictures or toys to add detail
- Sing and tell jokes
- Adding Conversation to table top activities such as Play Dough, Lego time, snack or meal time. Narrate as you do the activity.

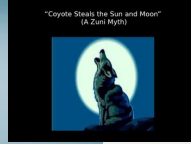
Here are some Links to oral language videos and activities to get you started....



- [The Gingerbread Man Story](#)
- [The Retelling of Gingerbread Man Activity](#)
- [How to Make a Gingerbread Spoon Man](#)

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Motor Skills for Early Learners...



[Story Link: How Coyote and Eagle Stole the Sun and Moon](#)

Fine Motor skills develop when a child's small muscles and movements in their thumbs, fingers and hands start to strengthen and become more skilled.

Working on their fine motor skills helps to develop later Pre-Writing muscles.

Fine Motor Play...

- * Finger Painting
- * Lego
- * Colouring
- * Playdough
- * Water Play
- * Stack and unstack paper cups



We can encourage fine motor skills by doing some of the following activities:

- Doing up buttons and zippers,
- Using scissors,
- Thread beads onto pipe cleaners
- Sorting small toys or items etc.



Here are some Links to Fine Motor play ideas for at home practice.

- [Making Northern Lights with Chalk](#)
- [Making Cereal Candy-canes](#)

Try Some Outside Gross Motor Activities

- * Sledding
- * Snow shoeing
- * Build a snowman
- * Make Snow Angels

