



Surrey Early Speech & Language Program

Brightfutures
for Children

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Winter 2015



January

- Jan. 1- New Years Day (closed)
- Jan. 9 - K-Kids Clinic
- Jan. 14 - Speaking of Songs group begins
- Jan. 15 - Page Turners & Language Learners group begins
- Jan. 26 - Speech Camp

February

- Feb. 4 - Tyke Talk workshop begins
- Feb. 9 - Family Day (closed)
- Feb. 13 - K-Kids Clinic
- Feb. 23 - Language Camp

Groups, classes, and camps are by invitation. If you would like more information about a particular program, please don't hesitate to contact us.

Language Tip of the Season:

Delve into the dark! The days are short and nights are long. Take advantage of the dark to do activities and games that require lights out and focus on your child's speech and language at the same time.

1. Shadow puppets: Take turns making shadow puppets. Play 'guess that animal'; give your puppet sound effects to practice new sounds (e.g., make your shadow snake go 'ssssss')
2. Flashlight hide-and-seek: Take turns hiding and finding an object with only flashlights for help! If your child is preschool-aged, hide a boy or girl doll/figurine and practice pronouns ('I found **him/her!**'); Practice question-asking structure by chanting '**Where is the _____?**'

Make time for play every day for a happier, healthier, more communicative child.

Updates

Kindergarten Registration

A reminder that kindergarten registration begins in January for children with 2010 birthdates. It's a good idea to note on the registration form that your child is receiving speech and language services. You can also speak with the school principal to learn more about what services your child's school can offer. Also, be sure to register for our Kindergarten Readiness Night, being held on Wednesday, April 1, 2015. Watch your email or mailbox for the invite.

A Warm Welcome

We are pleased to announce the newest addition to the SESLP team, Suna Karamani. Suna will be taking over for Marianne, who left SESLP in November to pursue a new avenue in her SLP journey. Suna graduated from UBC and has been working in Surrey over the past couple of years in the private sector. Suna is excited to branch into our public services. She is originally from Serbia and so has experienced both learning and teaching English. We know she will prove to be a fantastic addition to the team. Please introduce yourself as we all make her feel welcome. We wish Marianne all the best in her future endeavours.

Your Child's Milestones

At SESLP, we focus largely on the milestones of your child's speech and language development. However, it's a good idea to check out other areas of your child's development too! We now have **new resources on our website** outlining these other developmental areas. Check them out at www.seslp.org/resources.