

#TALKINGISTEACHINGTIPS CALENDAR



Talk, read, and sing with your children every day! Simple interactions like the ones below can help boost children's brain and language development, setting them up for success in school and beyond. Please share photos of your family talking, reading, and singing using the hashtag #TalkingIsTeachingTips.

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When drawing or coloring, talk with your little one about using both sides of the paper. Remind them that saving paper means saving trees!

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Sing a clean-up song together while cleaning with your child at home! Remind your little one that the Earth is our home too and we should help to keep it clean!

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Have your little one help you unpack groceries and ask them to point out any items that have a recycle symbol on them. Together, count how many items you have that are recyclable!

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Help your child make a recycled gift for someone special. Encourage them to use their imagination to turn something old into something new again!

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The Earth is home to all our favorite animals. Challenge your little one to name all the animals they can think of!

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Even something as simple as a box can turn into something fun and exciting! With your little one, use your imagination to turn a box into a castle, a car, or a toy!

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Talk with your child about how conserving water helps the ocean. Give them the job of reminding your family to turn off the water while brushing teeth instead of letting it run!

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Use words to describe time with your child as you do different activities. Was the walk long or short? Do you like long walks or quick walks?

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Give your baby age-appropriate art materials like chunky crayons and paper to create art together.

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Celebrate the things that make your child unique! Create a song with your little one about what makes her special and sing it together.

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During bedtime, talk with your baby about your favorite parts of the day.

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Spending time drawing and coloring with your child can develop her creative, motor, and language skills! Ask her to draw their favorite food or animal!

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Use your senses to explore the environment around you! What do you see? Hear? Smell?

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Talk with your child about the weather each day! What do they see in the sky when it is sunny, cloudy, or rainy?

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When you read together, let your baby help turn the pages—it can help build their interest in books.

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Talk about shapes as you eat healthy and yummy snacks! Compare the shape of a square cracker or a round tomato!

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Talk about your job or workers you see out and about! What is the construction worker building? How does a firefighter help people?

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Talk about colors and clothing. Say, "I noticed you're wearing a red shirt and blue pants. What colors am I wearing?"

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Talk with your baby about his day! Ask them what he did, how he felt, and what he wants to do tomorrow!

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Talk about clothing and the weather. "What do we wear when it is cold? Warm?"

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Play "I-Spy" by taking turns naming and describing the things you each see. Say, "I spy with my little eye...a big red truck. You?"

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Talk about water on a rainy or snowy day! What does water feel like? Taste like? Sound like?

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Laughing is an important part of learning! Play fun games like "peek-a-boo" or sing funny nursery rhymes.

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Have fun playing outdoors with your baby and talking about what you see together!

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Turn on your baby's favorite songs and move your bodies as you dance together!

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Practice saying and spelling your child's name with them! Write it out and trace the letters together, or spell out their name in a song!

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Your baby loves to hear your voice. Talk, read, and sing together every day.

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Go on a number hunt! Take turns pointing to and naming the numbers you see on signs, in books, or at the store!

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Ask questions about your child's art. You can say, "I noticed you used the color blue. Why?"

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Have fun pretending to move and sound like different animals. "Ribbit and hop like a frog" or "chirp and flap your wings like a bird"!



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