

Week of June 1, 2020

Dear Families,

It's hard to believe, but June is already here. We have all enjoyed Memorial Day, and now the summer has unofficially begun! This should mark many changes like longer days, warmer weather, and dramatic new looks in nature around us. These changes offer wonderful opportunities to engage and strengthen speech and language skills outside.

Simple activities that are part of the daily routine will be great learning tools. Taking a walk gives you a chance to label items in the yard or walking trail; drawing on the pavement with sidewalk chalk lets you make letter, letter name, and letter sound connections; and having a picnic or playing in water can be a time to engage in conversation and increase the number of conversational turns your child uses. These are a few examples, but your child's favorite outdoor activities all have similar occasions to increase speech and language.

Look for our call this week, but we are just an email away at jlaflamme@killinglyschools.org if you need us for anything.

Remember, we are here to support you.

- Weekly email and/or phone call to check in with your student and family
- Goodyear Speech and Language page (Mrs. Laflamme's page) on the KPS web site
- Live office hours – Monday through Thursday from 8:30-11:30
- "Preschool Choice Board" - includes speech/language extensions, in the "Friday Folder"
- "Special Education Weekly Choice Learning Board" – includes speech/language supports and extensions for these activities, accessible from Mrs. Laflamme's page on the KPS web site

Increasing speech and language skills isn't a seasonal or "school-year" activity, but each new season does offer new ways to encourage it. Nature walks, drawing with sidewalk chalk, picnics in the yard, and water play are just a few fun activities for this beautiful weather that can serve as learning tools. Enjoy spending time outside with your child, and be sure to take advantage of those special summer moments to grow their speech and language.

Best regards,

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