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**Welcome parents, grandparents, aunts and uncles.**

Watch this place weekly to find out inexpensive ideas that you can use to make sure **your** child becomes a successful adult. Let's face it- there isn't a parent in the world who doesn't wish the best for their child. So join us each week to learn something new. It will only take five minutes of your time to review this information, but it will lead to a lifetime of success for your child.

**Things to consider**

- Good talkers make good readers. Vocabulary building is important for future success. Children learn new words from being read to and when they talk with others. As they talk they are practicing what they hear. Even if you are not an avid reader it is a good practice to help grow your child's vocabulary.

**What you can do**

- Pretend phone calls can help build vocabulary. "Dial someone and tell them all about what the child has accomplished. Then give the phone to the toddler and let them tell their story.
- Take some colorful pictures out of a magazine and show to the toddler. Label the items and tell a story about what is happening. Have the toddler share what he thinks is happening or going to happen.
- Think of simple objects that rhyme to help build vocabulary. For example you can say "I'm thinking about something you sit on that rhymes with hair" (chair) "Can you figure out what it is?" or "When you get sleepy you go to something that rhymes with red, (bed) can you figure out what it is?" Make a fuss over the child everytime he gets a word right. This helps him learn to love words.

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