

## Recommended Activities for Language Reinforcement

Learning should be relevant to children's lives; therefore we suggest the following activities to enhance their language learning.

- Practice numbers in Spanish: Any chance you have, count objects ( Cheerios, magnets on refrigerator, trucks passing you while in the car, socks, towels while folding laundry, toy cars, dolls, etc. Try counting backwards from 10-1 as well.
- For older children: try practicing numbers out of numerical order. Use Magna Doodles or dry erase boards and practice phone number, address, math problems etc.
- Colors: Ask children " ¿Qué color es? /What color is it? Practice with crayons, Playdoh, clothing, toys, food, etc. Often production is the last stage of language development so have children point and identify colors. Ask ¿Dónde está el color azul?/ Where is blue? Use books and pictures for color identification.
- Make your own picture dictionary. Draw picture of a familiar place (zoo, park, grandparent's house, etc). Choose 8-10 words and label the items in Spanish. Try [www.wordreference.com](http://www.wordreference.com) . Keep this posted on your fridge for practice. Take the picture with you when you visit the location and watch the language come alive for your children!