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Dear Parents,

As summer quickly approaches and school-based speech services come to a close, some of you may be wondering, "What can we do to keep up our child's Speech/Language skills maintained over the school year?"

Anything you do at home really helps to get the carryover we look for in Speech. It really helps your child understand good speech is a life skill, not just something to do for 30-60 minutes a week during Speech Therapy! Any time, playing games, conversing as you drive, working on homework, etc..., can be an opportunity to listen to your child's speech. When you hear an incorrect sound or incorrect grammar, gently remind your child to use "good speech sounds." Ask him/her to repeat the word, phrase, or sentence using the correct speech sound or Part of Speech.

Check out the multiple interactive Speech/Language websites for interactive activities you can do with your child to encourage his/her Speech and/or Language skills! If you are uncertain as to either what specific speech sounds or language skills need to be addressed, please refer to your child's Individualized Education Plan (IEP) Goal pages for more specific details. *To access these links, just click on the link or copy the link and paste it into the address bar and click "Enter".*

Have a great summer!

Sincerely,

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Online and print out Resources:

Articulation/Phonemic Awareness:

http://www.speakingofspeech.com/Materials_Exchange.html **(Language Skills also)**

<http://mommyspeechtherapy.com/> **Preschool oriented but also usable for Kindergarten aged students**

<http://www.quia.com/pages/havemorefun.html> **Articulation/phonemic awareness-Elementary age**

Language/Grammar/Vocabulary /Parts of Speech (Nouns, Verbs, Adjectives, etc.)-Printouts and online games:

http://www.learninggamesforkids.com/vocabulary_games.html **Great online, interactive resource for vocabulary and parts of speech for 1st grade through high school -**

<http://www.usingenglish.com/quizzes/45.html> **online game- upper elementary students**

<http://www.storyplace.org/> **online games, print out activities for preschool and elementary**

<http://www.twomeyspeechtherapy.com/parents/online-practice.php#preschoolers> – **Resource page with links to popular websites for Speech and Language and literacy websites**

SPEECH/LANGUAGE APPS:

Ipad: (Table that identifies different apps for Speech and Language skills)

<http://www.peachyspeech.com/2012/06/18/best-list-of-speech-language-apps-for-the-ipad/>

Android: (List of Speech/Language apps and descriptions)

<http://rwsjp.wordpress.com/>