

Language Development

As in all aspects of development, children develop language at their own rates. Some say their first words at eight months. Others hardly speak at all until they are almost two. Many factors influence how and when language develops. Some are individual differences present from birth. Others depend on a child's experiences with communication.



Whether your child is just learning to talk or is just learning to speak English, oral language development includes both understanding and communicating through spoken words. At Harmony Grove Preschool your child will have many opportunities daily to converse with other children and adults. You will see dramatic changes in his/her vocabulary. The best way to learn to talk is to practice, whether at home or at school. Children, talking to other children and adults during play is the primary way that our students grow in their abilities to use language.

For more information on children and language development:

Emerging Literacy: Linking Social Competence and Learning
Derry Koralek, Aspen Systems Corporation, 1997

Talking with Your Baby: Family as the First School
Alice S. Honig and Holly E. Brophy, Syracuse University Press, 1996