



# SPEECH NEWSLETTER

MAY 2025

## Theme of the Month

This month, we're embracing the great outdoors and all the rich language it inspires! **Our May theme, "Building Language Through Nature, Life Cycles, and Outdoor Adventures,"** gives your child the opportunity to explore new words, ask questions, follow directions, and connect with others — all through hands-on, engaging activities that follow speech and language milestones and Common Core standards. Take a peek at what we're doing each week — and how you can join the fun from home!

## Week 1: Let's go camping!

### Language Focus:

- **Vocabulary:** tent, marshmallow, bug, flashlight
- **Skills:** requesting, sequencing, following directions
- **Speech Targets:** initial sounds, multisyllabic words
- **Social Focus:** taking turns, making choices
- **At-Home Idea:** Build a living room "campsite" and go on a pretend adventure! Try naming items or telling a campfire story together.






## Week 2: Campfire Connections-Problem Solving with Friends



### Language Focus:

- **Problem-solving words and phrases:** "What can we do?", "Let's try...", "That didn't work!"
  - **Emotional vocabulary:** frustrated, excited, confused, calm
  - **Skills:** identifying problems, offering solutions, expressing feelings
  - **Speech Targets:** sentence building, using "I" statements, turn-taking language
  - **Social Focus:** cooperation, asking for help, compromising
  - **At-Home Idea:** Set up a small pretend problem during playtime, like "Oh no! The tent won't stay up!" or "There's only one marshmallow left!" Talk through the problem with your child and brainstorm solutions together.
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## Week 3: Rainy Day Campers — Adapting to the Unexpected

### Language Focus:

- **Flexible thinking words:** "maybe," "instead," "next time," "another way"
- **Emotion words:** disappointed, surprised, okay, flexible
- **Skills:** adjusting to change, using coping language, understanding cause/effect
- **Speech Targets:** combining thoughts ("I wanted to... but we can..."), using "if/then" phrases
- **Social Focus:** perspective-taking, accepting new ideas, staying regulated when plans change
- **At-Home Idea:** Have a "pretend rainy day" at home — maybe your pretend hike gets rained out and you have to camp indoors instead.



## Week 4: Last Day at Camp — Saying Goodbye and Going Home



### Language Focus:

- **Farewell and transition words:** goodbye, see you later, going home, last day
- **Emotion words:** happy, sad, proud, excited, nervous
- **Skills:** reflecting on experiences, expressing feelings, using "past tense" language
- **Speech Targets:** sentence starters ("I liked...", "My favorite part was..."), sequencing past events
- **Social Focus:** closing conversations, showing appreciation, managing "big feelings" about endings
- **At-Home Idea:** Have a mini "camp closing ceremony" at home! Look at photos from the month, talk about favorite parts of pretend camp, or make a pretend "go-home bag."