

SPEECH AND LANGUAGE STRATEGY OF THE MONTH: DECEMBER

FOLLOW THE CHILD'S LEAD

Why?

This lets the child to learn at their own pace, strengthens their attention and turn-taking skills, and builds connection.

How?

Watch what the child is focused on and join in without taking control of their play. If they're stacking blocks, start stacking blocks with them. If they knock the blocks over, join in and talk about what's happening. Following their lead shows that you're interested in what they're doing and keeps them engaged.

When?

Whenever you are playing with or engaging with the child.



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