

Welcome to the Education Corner.

This portion of our newsletter will be dedicated to answering parent questions and provide you with updated information in regards to educating your children.

In order to better serve your needs, please email us at msirenelong@hotmail.com, with any educational concerns you may have. We will do our best to answer all your questions in next month's segment. For more information, click on the following link www.irenelong.com.

Language

By age 2, children should know 20 or more words, and combine two or more words. By 30 months, they begin to ask questions, recite portions of songs, and can name 5 pictures. By 36 months, they can carry on a conversation and answer questions like, What do you do when your hungry? Sleepy? Thirsty?

Delays in speech are often indicators of learning disabilities. If anyone in your family has a learning disability, you must be vigilant and act quickly if you see your child is behind in language acquisition. When a child's parent has a learning disability, there's a one and four chance that the child will also have it. Early detection is crucial in preventing discrepancies in your child's potential and achievement. Arrange for a Free screening at your county's Special Education administration office, or have your Pediatrician write a referral to a Speech and Language Pathologist.

Tips

- Use full sentences when speaking to your child.
- Speak slowly and clearly making eye contact with your child. Let them see how your mouth moves when you form a word. Some sounds are not voiced.
- Give your child time to respond.
- If your child points at what he/she wants, encourage your child to use his/her words. Have them repeat after you. Do you mean milk? Tell them what to say milk please ...or Can I have milk?