

First Language

There is a very important connection between your child's first language and the acquisition of a second language.

The deeper the child's level of knowledge in their first language, the faster they will progress in their second language.

Therefore, one of the best ways to support your child in learning English as a second language is to also support the use of their first language.

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Supporting English Language Learners



English-Korean Version

이중 언어를 사용하는
자녀들의 발전과 미래를 위한 교육

Supporting Your Child

Parents often ask how they can best support their child to learn English.

As well as talking, reading and writing in the first language as often as possible, it is also important to listen to your child read.

Ideally, listen to your child read everyday.

Talk about the pictures and ask questions about the story, in your first language.

Remember, your language, your culture, is a treasure to pass on to the next generation.

하루에 한번 자녀와 책을 읽는 특별한 시간을 만드세요. 매일 자녀가 소리내어 책을 읽게 하시고 책이나 인쇄물들에 대해 대화를 나눠보세요.

Useful websites

- * Studyladder
- * EPIC (for reading)
- * Starfall (alphabet)

Top Tips

- * Talk with your child, in your strongest language - it helps them to learn.
- * Join after school group activities
- * Have playdates with friends of other languages
- * Be patient with your child's learning
- * Join and use the library
- * Read every day
- * Have bilingual material at home
- * Work closely with your child's teacher
- * Sleep is important - 10-12 hours for school aged students

Learning a Second Language

Learning a second language is a long and complex process.

The day to day language can take one-two years to develop. For example, talking with friends, talking about a holiday. This is known as BICS (Basic Interpersonal Communication Skills).

The academic language of the curriculum can take five-seven years to develop. For example, language used in topics such as science and social studies. This is known as CALP (Cognitive Academic Language Proficiency).

It also depends on other factors such as motivation and attitude.

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