



Speech Newsletter



Gengras Center

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Communication is key to interactions!

When students leave/graduate from The Gengras Center, they go on to different programs to enjoy the opportunities that their educations have opened up for them. We have received positive feedback from many families stating that their student's success was nurtured by learning some key communication skills.

1. Self-advocacy- Being able to get someone's attention and saying, showing or clicking on what is wanted or needed.
2. Waiting- Being able to wait appropriately is key to success when in a group. This can include engaging in a self directed activity, interacting appropriately with others or just sitting quietly.
3. Answering & asking wh-questions and yes/no questions - This skill is vital to how people interact with each other everyday.

Students practice and use their language skills all around the building, University campus and town community everyday. They practice greetings, conversations, working together, problem solving and even competition during some games.

Language games can be fun!

Here the students are using pictures to give each other clues. Games that have been played to teach the give and take for communication include: Headbanz (for non-readers), Apples to Apples, Scattogories, and The App: Heads Up (are all fun for students who read). Maybe there is a language game that would make a cold or snowy day more fun for your family. Look around at what you already have and play, talk and laugh. Then making hot chocolate together is another way to apply language (i.e. naming appliances, utensils, sequencing steps to a process and using positive words) to compliment the great taste of hot chocolate on a cold day!



Weekly Words

Week of 1/2/17: January, restaurant, wait, order, menu

Week of 1/9/17: manners, server, utensils, wipe, napkin

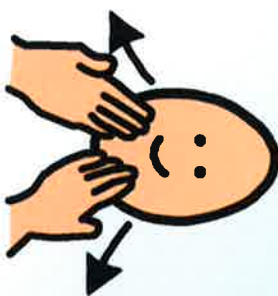
Week of 1/16/17: cook, kitchen, oven mitt, hot, oven, microwave

Week of 1/23/17: food, bag, carry, put, fridge, freezer, cabinet





January



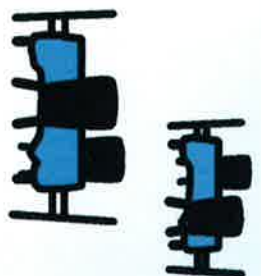
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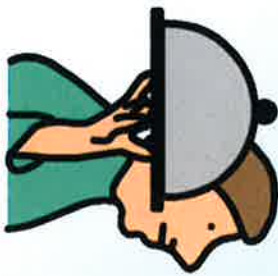
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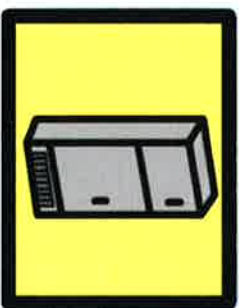
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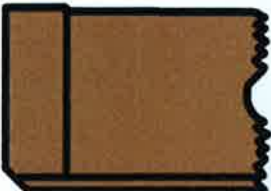
restaurant



server



kitchen



bag



wait



fork/ knife/spoon



oven mitt



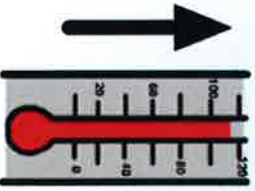
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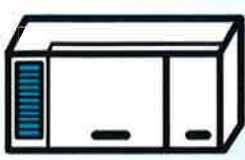
menu



napkin



oven



fridge