

Starbright Children's
Development
Centre

MAY 2016



SPEECH & LANGUAGE MONTH

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Dear Parents:

May is customarily associated with Mother's Day and Memorial Day. Lesser-known, but also significant, is that May is considered "Better Speech and Hearing Month". Although awareness of speech and hearing problems is a year-round necessity, setting aside the month of May calls special attention to identifying and treating the problems.

Meet our Speech Language Department:

Deni Skutshek, Team Leader
Karen Bylsma
Kathleen O'Connell
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Our SLP's are committed to making sure all children aged 0-5 years reach their full speech, language, listening and social potential.

Did you know...the 3 most common languages in the world are Mandarin Chinese, Spanish and English?

A great source of information and resources concerning speech and language is located on the SAC (Speech-Language & Audiology Canada) website <http://sac-oac.ca>

Did you know...if you try to say the alphabet without moving your lips or tongue every letter will sound the same?

COMMUNICATION AFFECTS MORE THAN YOU THINK

Many children who do not receive treatment experience lower literacy skills than their peers, find it difficult to communicate at home and at school, and can find their future learning skills affected

Speech and language problems

- Difficulty understanding spoken or written language
- Difficulties making oneself understood
- Difficulties speaking clearly and fluently
- Difficulties with social skills and interaction
- Difficulties with swallowing & feeding

Talk Box

A parent's guide to creating language-rich environments

www.humanservices.alberta.ca/family-community/talk-box.

Mommy Speech Therapy is a blog offering tips on helping your child with **speech** & language development

mommyspeechtherapy.com

