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Chapter 5 Applied Learning Activity: Embedding Talk for Learning

Embedding *talk for learning* strategies throughout the day is an integral part of building children's literacy & language skills, as well as their social & emotional skills. In the first column, write down the general daily classroom schedule in your settings or in the settings you know about. In the second column, write down how educators are currently integrating *talk for learning* strategies to enhance children's literacy & language and social & emotional skills. In the third column, write down opportunities to embed each strategy to enhance *talk for learning* in your setting. Alternatively, ask team members to use this tool to reflect on their own instructional practices.

Talk for Learning Strategies

Using books as anchors

Asking open-ended questions

Prompting extended conversations

Using praise and positive language

*This activity may include other strategies educators are using that are not suggested on this list.

Daily Schedule	Current strategies that build	Opportunities to build
Example:	Language & Literacy Skills:	Language & Literacy Skills:
Circle Time- Read Aloud	Example: Using books as anchors. Educators select books related to their theme/project and then use books to generate conversation and topics for lessons.	Example: Prompting extended conversations during read aloud time. Break children into smaller groups so they have more opportunities to discuss and ask questions.
	Social & Emotional Skills:	Social & Emotional Skills:
	Example: Asking open-ended questions. Educators typically ask one to two open-ended questions during read aloud.	Example: Using praise and positive language. Educators often focus on the children who are not engaged during read aloud. Encourage educators to use praise and positive language to engage all children.



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