

Tis' the season!



## Pearl River Speech & Language

Dear Parents,

Happy Holidays! We hope you are fully enjoying this festive holiday season. We are enthused to share some great generalization activities and tips for you to facilitate speech and language skills at home! We hope you find these activities festive and fun. We wish you all the best during this holiday season!

From,

The Pearl River Speech Department

### Can you guess the best way to enhance language development at home?

The best way to enhance your child's language and literacy is to read with them! Although kids love enjoying their new gifts and toys throughout the winter break it is important to remind them of the fun and creativity they can drum up with seasonal books. Books provide students with a natural context to learn new vocabulary and grammatical forms that conversation does not always offer. Tier II words are infrequently learned words and books contain twice as much of them! Books also contain higher language forms such as figurative language, vocabulary through context clues, and opportunities to inference and predict.

When reading, it is important to account for cultural, linguistic and socio-economic differences amongst students. Some students have greater exposure to language. Thus, pre-reading activities are great ways to develop language and exposure related to a specific topic. Some pre-reading activities that assist to build a narrative foundation includes engaging in songs related to the topic, creating graphic organizers and webs, pre-reading discussions, and crafting. Some activities to engage in before and after shared book readings are attached below.

### Holiday Book Suggestions!

The Snowman by Raymond Briggs: Let your child read this book to you! The book consists of all pictures, so children can become creative storytellers as they approach each illustration.

The Mitten by Jan Brett: This book touches upon different animals as well as story elements (characters, setting, conflict, and resolution).

Snowmen at Night by Caralyn and Mark Buehner

How Santa Got His Job by Stephen Krensky

Gingerbread Baby by Jan Brett

Snowmen at Night by Caralyn Buehner

Bear Snores On by Karma Wilson & Jane Chapman

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### Winter Vocabulary

Decorate  
Celebrate  
Carole  
Wrap  
Hibernate  
Stocking  
Present  
Chimney  
Sled  
Ornament  
Festival  
Icicle  
Poinsettia  
Wreath  
Snow angel

### Read about the benefits of reading!

- [There's a book for that! ASHA leader](#)
- [Before the book: Pre- reading activities ASHA leader](#)

