

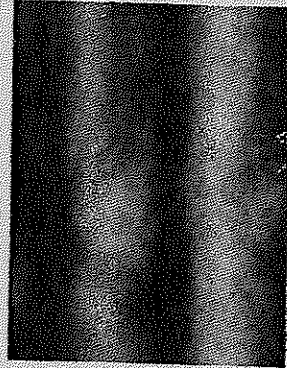
## LEARNING SKILLS TO

### HELP MASTER SPANISH

1. CHECK OUT BOOKS AND TAPES AT YOUR LOCAL PUBIC LIBRARY.
2. DESIGNATE A TIME FOR DAILY FAMILY READING AND/OR SILENT READING. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO READ SOMETHING IN SPANISH AS WELL AS ENGLISH.
3. INVITE A CLASSMATE OVER TO HAVE A SPECIAL "SPANISH EVENING" OR "SPANISH NIGHT OVER".
4. INVEST IN BOOKS THAT ARE WRITTEN IN SPANISH. BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE THROUGH SCHOLASTIC BOOKS, BOOK FAIRS, BARNES & NOBLE, OPEN BOOK, ETC.
5. LET YOUR CHILD CALL A CLASSMATE TO SPEAK SPANISH ON THE PHONE.
6. GIVE YOUR CHILD THE NECESSARY SUPPLIES TO WRITE LETTERS TO SPANISH SPEAKING FAMILY AND/OR FRIENDS FROM SCHOOL.
7. TALK ABOUT THE REASONS WHY IT IS IMPORTANT FOR YOUR CHILD TO LEARN ANOTHER LANGUAGE.
8. ASK YOUR CHILD WHY HE/SHE THINKS IT IS IMPORTANT TO KNOW ANOTHER LANGUAGE.

GOOD SPEAKER OF ANY LANGUAGE. (I.E. PRACTICE, MAKING MISTAKES, LISTENING TO OTHERS USE THE LANGUAGE, AND MOST IMPORTANT... TALKING, TALKING, TALKING.

10. ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO WRITE LETTERS, STORIES, MAKE BOOKS, AND LABEL PICTURES THAT HE/SHE DRAWS IN SPANISH.
11. LET YOUR CHILD TEACH YOU SPANISH.
12. PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH NECESSARY MATERIALS TO CREATE A CALENDAR IN SPANISH.
13. LABEL THE OBJECTS IN YOUR HOME IN SPANISH.
14. IF POSSIBLE, WATCH UNIVISION OR ANOTHER TV OR VIDEO IN SPANISH. (PLEASE BE AWARE THAT FOREIGN COUNTRIES MAY HAVE DIFFERENT VIEWS ON WHAT IS ACCEPTABLE LANGUAGE/DRESS THAN THE U.S.)
15. TELL YOUR CHILD STORIES OF WHAT IT WAS LIKE WHEN HE /SHE STARTED SPEAKING ENGLISH. (DID HE/SHE SPEAK IN COMPLETE SENTENCES? DID HE/SHE KNOW ALL THE WORDS IN THE ENGLISH LANGUAGE? DID HE/SHE QUIT BECAUSE OF THAT OR DID YOUR CHILD EXPRESS A WILLINGNESS TO LEARN WHAT THE WORDS WERE?)



16. ROUTINELY ASK YOUR CHILD SOME OF THE FOLLOWING QUESTIONS:
  - A. WHO DID YOU SPEAK WITH IN SPANISH TODAY?
  - B. WHERE DID YOU SPEAK SPANISH TODAY?
  - C. WHAT QUESTIONS DID YOU ASK IN SPANISH TODAY?

17. IF SOMEONE YOU KNOW SPEAKS SPANISH, SET ASIDE A TIME OF THE DAY THAT THEY WILL ONLY COMMUNICATE WITH EACH OTHER IN THAT LANGUAGE.
18. RECOGNIZE, PRAISE AND ENCOURAGE ANY EFFORTS YOUR CHILD MAKES TO SPEAK SPANISH. OFTENTIMES JUST THE VOCALIZATION OF OUR PRIDE IN HIS/HER EFFORTS CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.