



# Bailey's Talking Points



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### A message from Mrs. Bailey, Speech Therapist

Dear Parents/Caregivers

I extend my well wishes and hope you are staying safe. I know you are working hard to remain safe and healthy, taking care of your families. As we continue with speech and language services, I want to thank you for continuing to invest in your child making sure they attend their scheduled virtual sessions.

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### *Tips for parents adapted from American Speech-Language-Hearing Association:*

For children with language disorders, some components of physical distancing can be challenging. Parents can continue to help in these ways:

- **Connecting Virtually** – Practice conversations in advance of FaceTime or Zoom calls. Suggest topics and talk through possible responses to questions.
- **Understanding Changes** – Define new vocabulary words (e.g., quarantine, sheltering at home) and explain new routines.
- **Grasping Humor** – Talk through jokes together. COVID-related memes are helping people connect, but some children may miss the nuances of humor.

### *Maximizing Success of Virtual Speech/Language Sessions*

- Trouble shoot tech ahead of time
- Find a quiet spot or a place with as little distractions as possible to work with your child's SLP
- Model flexibility- help your child accept by showing flexibility and remaining open-minded to service modifications.
- Be patient with progress – Everyone is trying their best during this difficult time. Then goal may be to maintain skills rather than advance them during this unprecedented time.
- Keep the lines of communication open with your SLP!

### *Quote of the Month*

*“Laughter is timeless.  
Imagination has no age.  
And dreams are forever”.*

- Walt Disney

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