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## Let's Get Started!—Exciting Ways to Begin Speech/Language for the Year

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Fun activities are a great way to begin the school year. Students are excited about having a new teacher, meeting new friends, and experiencing new adventures. They also want to tell about their summer activities and all of the exciting things they did. Here are some fun ways to start up speech/language and get to know more about your students.



**Goals, Goals, Goals**—Introduce and discuss the student's current speech/language goals and have the student review them with you. Make a "Goals Chart" together.



**Personal Speech Folder**—Have each student decorate his/her speech folder in unique ways to make it special.



**Who I Am**—Ask each student to tell interesting things about him/herself and name things to do for fun, learn about in school, etc. Write these things in an "All About Me" book, then ask the students to take turns reading their book to the group.



**Who Knew?**—Have each student answer a get-to-know-you question card to let others learn more about him/her, such as favorite foods, music, places to go, games to play, etc.



**Your Turn**—Allow each student to take a turn asking a question about something that interests him/her.



**Let's Talk About It**—Have each student tell about the summer, describing summer activities and vacation places. Make lists on a chalkboard or dry-erase board to compare everyone's activities and places they visited.



**Tell It with Pictures**—Have each student express him/herself through drawing pictures of summer activities, family members, etc. You can create a bulletin board of pictures from the students.



**Vacation Wishes**—Have each student tell about what he/she'd like to do next summer and didn't get to do this summer.



**What If?**—Have each student tell about where he/she would like to travel in the world and why; what he/she wants to be as a grown-up and why, etc.



**A Look Ahead**—Have each student tell what he/she is most excited about for the new school year, such as new teachers, new classes, new school, etc.



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