

STUDENT COLLABORATION

Tips & Tools for English Learner
Parents and Families



1 LEARNING TOGETHER

Students benefit from learning how to work effectively with others and as part of a team. Doing so helps with problem-solving, decision making, leadership, and communication. These are skills that will last a lifetime. Just like at school, students need set expectations and rules for working together.



2 LESS PRESSURE

Collaboration is especially beneficial for students learning a new language. Peers serve as the first "audience" to try out new skills and vocabulary. Students become language role models for each other. Working with a small group or partner first is much less intimidating than speaking in front of the teacher or the entire class.



3 MORE PRACTICE

Not every collaboration needs to look like homework or a group project. Second language instruction includes consistent opportunities to listen, speak, read, and write. Allowing students time to practice all of these skills with peers, formally and informally, is critical. Peers can be friends, classmates, or even siblings.



4 TECH AS A TOOL

How can we make sure our kids are working together to develop language and academic skills and not just taking advantage of screen time? Allow time for casual interaction so that your child develops social language, but also leverage technology for academic learning. Your school and the local library can provide a list of safe and helpful technology tools that can be used at home.



5 SHARE

Do you have questions or ideas about student collaboration? Please share them with us so that we can spread the love and learning!
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6 STAY TUNED...

Coming up next month, we'll be sharing more tools, tips, and strategies to help your students attain English proficiency and develop high levels of academic achievement.



Virtual Coffee Chat

TIPS AND TOOLS FOR EL PARENTS AND FAMILIES

Topic: Student Collaboration

April 22, 2021

9:00-9:30 AM

Register here:

<http://bit.ly/CoffeeChatStudentCollaboration>

