

## Sign Language & ASD

Using sign language to support language development in children with Autism is incredibly effective. Many children with ASD face challenges related to verbal expression and auditory comprehension. Sign language provides a visual and tactile means of communication which can help them with listening or expressing themselves verbally.

Sign language can serve as a bridge, helping children transition into spoken language as they become more comfortable and confident in their communication abilities while reducing frustration for both the child and caregivers. Ultimately, it empowers children with ASD by giving them a means to connect, engage, and interact effectively with their world, fostering both social and language development.

## High-lighted Activity



Build a sentence! At the beginning of this year many students participated in learning to build a variety of sentences using visuals that incorporated targeting WH questions including “who”, “what”, and “where”.



**Quick Tips:** Children learn by moving their whole bodies. Incorporate movement into learning and play!

## Speech Practice

### r sound (bunched)

Bunch your tongue at the back of your mouth. Pull your tongue back away from your front teeth and make it tight. Now growl like a tiger!

Tongue twister: “Ravenous Richard the tiger roared and raced around the rickety roller coaster.”

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