



## ENGAGING INTERACTIONS



- Build on children's prior experiences and background knowledge (including knowledge of the home languages).
- Talk with families about their children's experiences, interests, and cultural practices.
- Share ideas and materials that relate to the concepts you are teaching with families. This can strengthen the connection between classroom experiences and home experiences.

### Encourage the children to use multiple modes of expression for their ideas and thinking processes:

- Support the children in using pictures and drawings to share their observations and ideas.

### Provide additional support:

- Adjust your language to match the child's language cues.
- Use gestures and props to support the children in understanding lessons.
- Preview book readings and other classroom activities, with language and picture support.
- Include additional resources relevant to the children's cultures and languages.
- Learn key words in the children's home languages to encourage their efforts.
- Include tasks and problem solving activities where the children can use actions and images to brainstorm ideas and solutions.

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