

Open Doors
Chapter 10: School Readiness Experience It

Home Visitor: Yeah, that's hard.

Mom: She knows about the magnet, magnets. So, she is doing like this to...

Home Visitor: Oh, yeah? Oh, she knows?

Mom: She did this.

Home Visitor: They have magnets, too, at the library in one of the sections.

Mom: Yeah, magnet, food magnets.

Home Visitor: Oh, yeah. You know, speaking --

Mom: And we have some letter with magnet.

Home Visitor: Like on the refrigerator to -- yeah.

Mom: We have board and --

Home Visitor: Oh, that's good.

Mom: Ohh, swing, swing.

Eleanor: Swing, swing. Swing, swing

Home Visitor: Swing, the fishy --

Mom: Fish is "swim," but Eleanor make it "swing.

Home Visitor: Well, that works. They're going for a swim.

Eleanor: Oh!

Home Visitor: It's okay. We can add it to it.

Eleanor: Allah!

Mom: [Speaking in Uyghur]

Eleanor: Allah!

Mom: When she was very young she just said, "Allah!" if she did something.

Home Visitor: That is funny.

Eleanor: Allah! [Babbling]

Home Visitor: Does that mean something? Or is she just saying...

Mom: It's like "oops." Oops. Instead of "Oops," "Allah."

Eleanor: Oops!

Home Visitor: You just made me think about when you were just talking about the library. I think I gave you a list before Eleanor was born for Allischer, but the library probably has good books about becoming a big brother and becoming a big sister.

Mom: Oh, yeah.

Home Visitor: That she, Allischer would understand even more, now since he's older. That could be good for over the summer.

Mom: Yeah.

Home Visitor: [Chuckles] Get them, get them in the mood.

Mom: [Speaking in Uyghur]

Home Visitor: You see the purple fish? So, you see the purple -- Mama has a purple fish. Ooh, so does Eleanor!

Mom: [Speaking in Uyghur] Swings!

Eleanor: Swing, swing.

Mom: Swing

Home Visitor: It is swinging. Oh, they're going to get -- You are too funny, girl.

Mom: Yesterday, she played with toy cars and she wants to get on and step on them. [Chuckles] I said, "Let me sit here." [Speaking in Uyghur] [Chuckles]

Home Visitor: Purple? I like the fish. We're going to make a fish picture in a few minutes.

Mom: [Speaking in Uyghur]

Home Visitor: Lift it up and go fishing!

Eleanor: Swing, swing. Swing!

Home Visitor: Swing, swing! Everybody is swinging. You going to stand up and swing? That's a -- That is a good idea!

Eleanor: Swing. Allah!

Mom: [Speaking in Uyghur]

Eleanor: Thank you.

Mom: "Thank you." She is very gentle. And if I give her water or something, she says, "Mommy, thank you."

Home Visitor: She is just so verbal -- like over the last two months, she's had so many more words than before.

Mom: Swings.

Eleanor: Swing, swing.

Home Visitor: Swing! Oh! It went flying. Ooh! It went swimming.