



Families who talk together, learn together.

### Did you know . . .

- Back and forth conversations with your child build vocabulary and brain power.
- A four year old can know as many as 6,000 words. A large vocabulary can help lead to school success.
- Conversations about books let your child practice thinking, talking, taking turns, and listening skills.



### What you can do when talking\* with your child . . .

- Use new words. Use them often.
- Discuss and respect your child's feelings. Build their feelings vocabulary: happy, frustrated, scared.
- Encourage thinking with language. Ask your child **why** they think something happened. Ask your child **how** they did something. Ask your child what they think will happen next.
- Look at books with your child. Talk together about them. The words on the page aren't as important as the conversations you have.
- Talk with your child in your home language.

\*For families with hearing impairments, sign language is talk.

For more information about the **Family Talk** campaign, please visit [www.somerville.k12.ma.us/families](http://www.somerville.k12.ma.us/families) or call 617-629-5476 .