



A note from your child's speech therapist

Hello Families,

Here are a few ways you can encourage your student's communication while at home during the extended spring break.

- Use the social mapping tool to process social situations observed throughout the day. (See attached) Encourage your child to talk about the thoughts, feelings, and behaviors of characters in:
 - Movies
 - While reading
 - After participating in a social interaction
- Encourage student to make inferences or "smart guesses" in meaningful moments (ex., while watching a movie- "What do you think is going to happen next?", while reading a story "Why do you think the character did that?")
- When processing about a social situation (on television, through literature, or actual experiences), ask your child about downstairs-brain reactions (fight, flight, freeze) verses upstairs-brain responses (logical thinking, problem solving, empathy).

Best Regards,

Ms. Molly