# **COMMUNICATION SKILLS**

## Strategy: Speech Sound Development

Audience: Kindergarten to Grade 6

#### What:

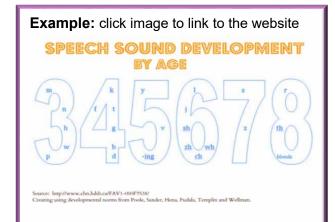
- Many students have difficulty producing certain speech sounds beyond the expected time of acquisition
- Many sounds continue to develop until the age of 8

#### How:

- Modelling proper speech sounds in the home instead of correcting. For example, if the child says "wed" for "red", you can say "Yes! The balloon is rrrrrrred."
- A referral to a speech language pathologist may be required to address any persisting errors
- Some students may benefit from online resources that help shape their speech sound such as the Peachie Speechie website listed below

## Materials:

- Peachie Speechie: <u>https://peachiespeechie.com/collections</u> /downloadable-materials
- Mommy Speech Therapy: <u>https://mommyspeechtherapy.com/</u>
- <u>Articulation: When Should I Worry If My</u> <u>Child is Behind?</u>
- <u>Creative Articulation Practice at Home</u>
- <u>Articulation: Making Speech Sounds</u> <u>More Obvious to Your Child</u>



## **Inclusive Practices to Consider:**

- Some students may have pre-existing conditions that make it difficult for them to move their mouths appropriately for speech
- These tools are not a replacement for a speech language pathologist. Many students will need specific intervention from a SLP

#### **Reference and Links:**

Modeling Speech and Language <u>https://www.pandaspeechtherapy.com/mod</u> <u>eling-speech-language</u>

Speech Sound Development https://www.firstwords.ca/speech-sounddevelopment