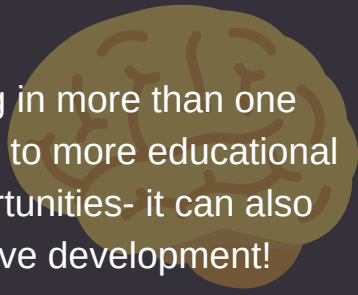


TIPS FOR PARENTS OF BILINGUAL CHILDREN

Fun Facts

Bilingualism is a net positive

Communicating in more than one language leads to more educational and work opportunities- it can also improve cognitive development!

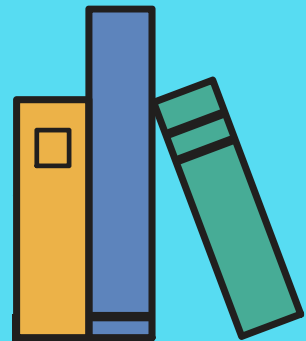


Codeswitching

(mixing languages) is normal among bilingual children, particularly in the early elementary grades.

Bilingual children benefit from exposure to

English and their home Language



Suggestions for Home



READ WITH YOUR CHILD WHENEVER POSSIBLE

- Point to and talk about the pictures and what might be happening in the story
- Take turns reading- have your child read and assist when needed

- Point out letters in English and Spanish and talk about what sounds they make
- Reading benefits language development which in turn supports even better reading and academic achievement

ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO ENJOY READING

SPEAK IN THE LANGUAGE YOU ARE MOST COMFORTABLE

- Hearing complex grammar and language is essential to language development
- The better your child's home language skills, the better he or she will be able to learn English.

Any child may benefit from these suggestions. If you have any questions or want more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to **Lisa Fitton at the University of South Carolina** FITTONL@mailbox.sc.edu

