

POLL INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPORTS

EXTENDED ACTIVITIES



Implementing Extended Activities based on Anchor Texts and Experiences expands children’s use of new vocabulary and provides additional opportunities to practice home language and English. Providers plan appropriate environments and carefully select materials for children to explore the concepts and practice the key vocabulary from Anchor Texts and Experiences. Adult guidance and facilitation during these Extended Activities promotes content knowledge, skill development, and deeper understanding of concepts for all children, especially dual and multilingual learners.

POLL STRATEGY:

Extended Activities are planned opportunities where children explore concepts from Anchor Texts and Experiences and can practice the language being learned with peers and adults.

USE EXTENDED ACTIVITIES SO THAT CHILDREN CAN...

- Actively explore and express thoughts, ideas, and reactions.
- Have time and space to use language with peers and adults.
- Practice rich and interesting words in their home and new language.

USE EXTENDED ACTIVITIES SO THAT ADULTS CAN...

- Hold frequent, expanded one-on-one and small group conversations.
- Listen carefully, wait for a response, use open-ended questions; and respond to children’s remarks.
- Scaffold and repeat key vocabulary as children actively explore.

EXAMPLES OF EXTENDED ACTIVITIES DAILY ROUTINES AND RITUALS:

- **Book area** — Children have opportunities to explore and revisit the Anchor Text and other age-appropriate books individually and in small groups.
- **Discovery area** — Children explore, investigate, and solve problems using materials from the Anchor Experience, and practice key vocabulary while adults facilitate and introduce relevant new words.
- **Building area** — Children play collaboratively with small groups of other children, practicing key vocabulary words from Anchor Texts or Experiences as they build.
- **Dramatic play area** — Children take on pretend roles and practice the language of the themes from Anchor Texts or Experiences such as playing store or hospital while interacting with peers, developing self-regulation and social skills.
- **Art area** — Children have opportunities for cultural and creative expression and symbolic representation based on Anchor Texts or Experiences.

RESOURCES:

To learn more about Extended Activities, see the Extended Activities section at <https://www.pollstrategies.org>