

TALKING TOGETHER

Allow your child to lead by:

Observing:

Notice what your child is looking at

Watch the look on your child's face

Look at your child's body language

Sometimes it's hard to really know what is on your child's mind. But taking the time to **OBSERVE** will help you figure it out. Observing is the first and most important step in getting to know your child.

Allow your child to lead by:

Waiting

When you **WAIT**, you give your child the time he needs to try things on his own

WAITING is hard to do. Sometimes you have to count to ten Then your child may say or do something that will surprise you.

Allow your child to lead by:

Listening

When you **LISTEN**, you will hear what your child wants to tell you, **remember** – this may not be with words.

The only way to know what's on your child's mind is to **LISTEN**. You can't listen if you're talking.

