**Lori Jamison- Oral Language Conversations**

 At the Calgary Summit 6 Conference, we had the privilege of attending Lori Jamison’s session. Lori Jamison emphasized the importance of conversation to increase vocabulary and enhance oral language skills.

 Lori specified that teachers should always have conversations about anything with their students. For example if a student initiates a conversation about the events of their weekend, it should be the teacher’s goal to perpetuate the conversation and ask them questions. The goal is to have 5 back and forths in a conversation with a student.

 Additionally, Lori recommended a sharing session each day. Provide students with the opportunity to share and talk with their peers, the goal being to have them actively participate in a conversation. Students should work to ask their peers meaningful and relevant questions about what their sharing.

These types of conversations are most important for early elementary students when oral language skills are just developing.