




Reflect and Connect: Child Development and Learning Series

Content Area: Environment

Read and Take Notes

To begin, read the selected article, *Supporting Language: Culturally Rich Dramatic Play*, written by Irasema Salinas-González, María G. Arreguín, Iliana Alaní and published in December/January 2018 Teaching Young Children. As you read the article, take notes of statements that you agree with, that surprise you, and that you have questions about using the notations in the table below.

I agree with	surprise me	I have questions about
		

Reflect

1. Identify new opportunities to integrate familiar family and community experiences in your classroom.
2. What are the challenges to incorporating students' cultures and lived experiences in your classroom? Why do they exist?

Connect

1. Share your notes and reflections through conversation with your team.
2. Based on your reflections, identify an initial change idea to improve your practice. Make a plan for action.
3. What resources do you need to be successful (e.g., materials, specific information, a thought partner)?
4. How will you and/or others recognize that this change was met and led to improvement?
5. Schedule a time to check back in with your team to reflect, and connect!