Now is a great time to connect with family and friends who may also be confined to their own cities, houses, or apartments. Take some time to tackle these conversational and social skills while making phone calls, texting, or video chatting.

**Basic Conversation**
- Greet
- Answer a question
- Ask a question
- Make a comment (“Cool!” “That’s good”)
- Tell a story
- Change the topic
- Say goodbye

**Script It**
Preplanning and creating expectations can be powerful! Write or create visuals to help your child use frequently used phrases and questions.

- Hi!
- How are you!
- What are you doing?
- I miss you
- Talk to you later
- I love you. Bye

**Texting**
Quick language and social skills to tackle via text!
- Texting is technically written language! Can your child compose their thoughts in text?
- Interpret meaning without cues from tone of voice (sarcasm, figurative language)
- Use emojis to express emotion and ideas
- Decode common acronyms (LOL, IDK) or create your own for fun!

**Video Chat**
These are also skills you can work on face-to-face in your own home!
- Interpret emotions from facial expressions and body language
- Make (virtual) eye contact
- Stay on topic! Give a cue if you’re going to start talking about something else.
- Keep the conversation going with questions and comments.