FIVE MODES OF CONVERSATION

**Vocabulary:** new and rare words; variety of topics; words related to domains or units; explanations when necessary; NO quizzing or asking to repeat back

**Information:** narrate child’s activities; share new information about a variety of topics; tell children things that interest them, but that they may not already know.

**Storytelling:** personal experiences; talking about dreams or nightmares; familiar stories from books; embellishments to familiar stories/ changing endings, etc; opinions about stories; predicting; etc.

**Imagination:** pretending and talking about pretending; making props if you don’t have all the pieces to play with (such as using paper to make toy money for a grocery store); adding new ideas to a familiar script

**Affirmative Responding:** making the conversation fun; affirming and valuing the child’s opinions and comments; valuing diverse ideas