Parents: How to help my child at home

Select a Place, Activity, Item or Feeling to Describe

- Places
    - Think of a book that you've read to them, where does it take place
    - Places they've been or would like to go to
- Activities
    - Any activity they've participated in (school, sports, church)
- Items/Objects
    - Play "I Spy"
    - Select real objects at home to describe (toy, clothing, housewares)
- Feelings and Why
    - How did you (or someone else) feel about that?

You Model the Behavior and Vocabulary

1) You select an item/place/event to describe
2) Brainstorm with your child words to use when describing
3) You describe the item using complete sentences
4) Be sure to use 5-6 sentences
5) Have your child select an item/place/event and have them describe it.
6) Encourage your child, support them when they say "I don't know anymore"
7) Make a game of it "Can you guess what I have/ a place I am thinking of/ what happened?"
8) Take 5-10 minutes every day to practice describing.
9) Use complete sentences
10) Be specific. Don't use words "It, This, That, and Thing
11) Use the 5 senses

    -touch, sight, sound, taste, and smell

    Sight will be the biggie

    -Shape, Color, Size, Height

25 Ways to Ask Your Child "So How Was School Today?' Without Asking "So How Was School Today?"

1. What was the best thing that happened at school today. Why?
2. Tell me one thing that made you smile (laugh, happy, etc). Why?
3. If you could choose anyone to sit beside in class, who would it be? Why?
4. Where is the coolest place at school? Why?
5. Tell me a weird (interesting, new etc.) word you heard today. Why did it interest you?
6. If I called Mrs. Richardson, what would she tell me you did well today. Why?
7. How were you helpful today?
8. How did someone help you?
9. Tell me what you learned about (shapes, number etc HINT: Look on SOAR report to find out what we are studying).
10. Tell me when you were the happiest today (beyond lunch and recess). Why?
11. What did you find hard to do today? Why?
12. When did you work your hardest today?
13. What did you find easy today? Why?
14. If an alien spaceship came to your class and beamed someone up, who would you want them to take? Why?
15. Who would you like to play with at recess that you've never played with before? Why?
16. Tell me one thing good that happened today. Why do you think it was good?
17. Which Specials is your favorite? Why?
18. What do you wish you could do more of in school? Why?
19. What part of the day is your favorite? Why?
20. If you could be the teacher, what would you do? Why?
21. What was the Magic Number for today? How can you make that number?
22. What is the Letter of the Week? What sound does it make? What words begin with that sound?
23. Tell me 3 different times you used your pencil today? Which of those times was your favorite? Why?
24. What student in your class do you not know very well? How can you get to know them better?
25. What was the best part of the story you read at "Read to Self" or that Mrs. Richardson read today? Why was that your favorite part?