Appendix 2A: Fast Facts Regarding Second Language Acquisition

1. Learning a second language does not delay or prevent development of the first language. Being bilingual does not cause language disorders.

2. Maintenance of the home language can actually foster development in the second language.

3. Some parents or professionals may be concerned that speaking two languages is too confusing or challenging for children with learning or language difficulties. The research indicates that children are capable of learning multiple languages to the fullest extent of their overall language learning ability and that there actually are cognitive advantages to being bilingual.

4. Children may appear to learn language quickly, as they are better than adults at imitating speech sounds in another language. However, becoming fluent in a language takes time.

5. People worry about children not learning English. Losing their primary language is actually the bigger risk.
Appendix 2B
References for Summary of Dual Language Learning Processes


