

Myth Verses Fact: Home Language Edition

Myth: If parents speak their home language, their child won't learn English.

Fact: Speaking your strongest language at home helps children learn English better (Espinosa, 2020).

Myth: Mixing two languages is a sign of confusion.

Fact: Code-mixing is normal and healthy. It shows flexible thinking, not confusion (Uccelli, 2023).

Myth: Only English matters in school.

Fact: Valuing home language builds confidence, identity, and long-term academic success.

Myth: Only DLLs benefit from learning other languages.

Fact: Monolingual children gain empathy, awareness, and brain power in diverse classrooms (Fan et al., 2015).

Let's reframe the conversation. When we honor every child's language, we honor every child.