

Parent Reading Support Sheet
(Ways to Help your Child with Reading at Home)



Set the Atmosphere

- ☺ Help your child find a quiet, comfortable place to read.
- ☺ Be a good model - let your child see you reading.
- ☺ Read aloud to your child. Rereading favorite stories helps build fluency.
- ☺ Read with your child.
- ☺ Talk about the stories that you read together.
- ☺ Keep reading time relaxed and enjoyable.

During Reading

- ☺ Please listen to your child read.
- ☺ Give your child "wait time" (5-10 seconds) to give it a try on their own. Don't rush in to help too fast!

Hints for Correcting Mistakes

If your child comes upon a word they don't know, remind him or her of the following reading strategies we use in class. You may use these in any order:

- 📖 (Cross checking)...Do the pictures and/or words look right? Do they sound right? Do they make sense?
- 📖 Use the pictures...Do the words and the pictures match?
- 📖 Blend the sounds. Stretch it out and reread.
- 📖 Flip the sound (short vowel - long vowel).
- 📖 Chunk letters and sounds together.
- 📖 Skip the word, then come back.
- 📖 Trade a word/guess a word that makes sense.

After Reading

Ask some of these comprehension questions:

- ✓ "Tell me about what you (or I) just read."
- ✓ "Who is your favorite character in this story? Why?"
- ✓ "Why do you think the book (story) is called _____?"
- ✓ "What do you think will happen next in the story? Why?"