



# Family Reading Connections

## Kindergarten Unit 2: Emergent Reading



### Overview:

Unit 2: Emergent Reading continues strengthening students' willingness to read, as well as their own confidence when approaching books. This unit bolsters children's sense of how stories go, as well as their use of literary language and expression, and their ability to think more deeply about story elements such as characters and plot. This unit also encourages students to read, think, and talk together about familiar books. Students will also mark important places and events in their stories with Post-it notes so they can share with others. Students will also learn types of questions and prompts that partners can use with one another to grow their conversations.

### In this unit, Students will:

- **Foster** an appreciation and understanding of rich storybook language
- **Read, think, and talk** with partners about familiar books
- **Develop** vocabulary, language and phonemic awareness through exposure to different types of print (poetry, songs, and familiar storybooks)
- **Begin** to approximate accurate reading by storytelling along with the pictures
- **Engage** in beginner conversations about familiar books with reading partners
- **Invent** creative ways to interact with books and each other
- **Look** at words on a page that are familiar and point to them

### Ways to help at home:

- Continue reading with your child every night!
- Allow your child to "read to you." Your child will use what they remember and the pictures to read words to you. (They will probably not look very much at the actual words in the book, however they will use the pictures to retell the important story elements to you.) This is reading!
- Engage in conversations about stories with your child. (What was your favorite part? Why? How would you feel about (story event)? What would you have done? Who was your favorite character? Why?)
- Encourage your child to point out familiar words to you when reading!
- Listen to stories on [Storylineonline.net](http://Storylineonline.net)

### New Jersey Student Learning

**Standards (NJSL):** Please refer to Morris School District Rubicon Atlas Website to view standards specific to this unit.

