

Helpful Reading Tips For Parents

1. When your child is reading and they have trouble reading a word, encourage them to look at pictures for a clue, to look at beginning and ending letters and make a good guess. Only after trying all of these strategies should you tell them the word. PLEASE REMEMBER IT IS FAR MORE HELPFUL IF YOU LET YOUR CHILD TRY AND FIGURE OUT UNFAMILIAR WORDS RATHER THEN TO TELL THEM FIRST!

2. When your child makes a good guess at a word remind them to think of the following questions:

Does it look right? (do the letters match the word)

Does it sound right? (do the letters match the sounds)

Does it make sense? (does the guess fit the story)

3. As your child reads, encourage them to point to the words in order to "make a match", or "make their finger work for them". This reinforces voice to print match. If they make an error, encourage them to go back and try it again.

4. Please do not cover the pictures when your child is reading. Pictures play an important part in reading and your child has been taught to use the picture clues to help them at tricky parts.

5. Enjoy listening to your child read and praise them for their efforts. You will be amazed how quickly they will progress with your support!