

Try these reading tips at home with your kids!

- * Point out the letter/sound relationship your child is learning on labels, boxes, newspapers, magazines, and signs.
- * Listen to your child read words and books from school. Be patient and listen as your child practices. Let your child know you are proud of his or her reading.
- * Have your child re-read familiar books. Children need practice in reading comfortably and with expression using books they know.
- * As your child reads aloud, point out words he or she missed and help him or her read words correctly. If you stop to focus on a word, have your child re-read the whole sentence to be sure he or she understood the meaning
- *Talk with your child about what he or she is reading.
- * Talk about new words.
- * Talk about what happened in a story.
- * Ask about the characters, places, and events that took place.
- * Ask your child what he or she thinks will happen next.
- * Ask what new information your child has learned from the book.
- * Have your child retell the story in his or her own words.
- * Share conversation with your child over meals and other times you are together. Children learn words more easily when they hear them spoken often. Introduce new words at every opportunity.
- *Read together for 15 minutes every day. Spend time talking about stories, pictures, and words.
- * Be a reader and writer. Children learn habits from the people around them.
- * Have your child read to younger brothers, sisters, grandparents, and neighbors. Encourage your child to read as much as possible.
- * Visit the library often. Story times, computers, homework help, and other exciting activities await the entire family.