

HELPING YOUR *CHILD* BECOME A BETTER *READER* AT HOME

Give your child an opportunity to explore books. Take them to visit the library regularly, or even to a bookstore. This will help them find books they like, and maybe even add to their collection!

Make sure they read for at least 30 minutes a day. They can read alone, with a partner, or even have you read-aloud to them. Readers get better by **READING!**

ASKING QUESTIONS!

- Predictions
- Story Elements (character, setting, plot)
- Main Idea
- Retell/Summarize
- Moral
- Inferences
- Connections

MAKE IT FUN!!!

Reading shouldn't be seen as a chore. It should be something that your child enjoys. Read books together and then talk about them.

Be an example! Have your children see you read, and share what you have read with them. They learn from what they see!

Pick Good Fit Books – books that are a good match for your child

- Purpose for reading
- Interest
- Do they know most of the words that they are reading?
- Do they understand what they are reading?

For Beginning Readers

- Point out and read words in everyday settings
 - Memorize sight words
 - Make a movie in your mind
- DON'T immediately tell your child an unknown word! Ask them to: sound it out, check the picture, look for chunks, or skip it and come back.

For Advanced Readers

- Notice interesting and new vocabulary
- Read with expression
- Explore more non-fiction books
- Compare and contrast books
- Make connections
- Read several books by one author