

Raising Readers

I Read to You

When you read:

Find a special time and place to read to your child. Pick the best time for both of you to read together for 20 minutes each day.

Find a story that you and your child will love to read. Keep your child interested in the story by reading it with emotion.

Read the whole story first if it is a picture book. If you are reading a chapter book, decide how many chapters you will read each day.

When you begin to read a new story, look at the cover, read the title of the story, and show your child where the author's name is located.

Do a brief picture-walk through the story looking quickly at each of the pictures in the book. Ask your child, "What do you think this story is going to be about?"

Use your pointer finger to walk through the words as you read along.

After you read:

- When you've finished reading, use question cards to ask your child about the story. Now have your child use the question cards to ask you questions about the story!
- Pick out three or four vocabulary words you find in the story. Ask your child what each words means.

Use the space below to write down one thing you learned and will practice at home:

