

Raising Readers

We Read Together

When you read:

Find a comfortable place to read together and read for about 20 minutes every day. Try to find a consistent time to do the reading with your child. It will become a wonderful habit.

Picture-walk through the story. Have your child predict what the story is going to be about. Find the title and the author.

Keep the read-together a fun experience for the whole family. You will know when your child gets tired and you need to take over. Choral-read part of a story or a page in the book together. You read part of the page first; then have your child read the same part with you again. Use your pointer finger as you read the words in the story.

Echo-read some of the lines on a page in your book. You read the sentence first, and then have your child read that same sentence after you. Point to the words as they are read. Stop echo-reading when your child is noticeably tired; continue the read-aloud to finish the book or the chapter you are reading that day.

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

After you read:

- Remember to ask questions about the story. Let your child be the teacher and ask you questions too.
- Have your child retell the story in her own words. What happened first? What happened after? (Reference a specific event in the story when asking this question.) How did the story end?

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