

BUILDING SKILLS @ HOME

READING

IS DAILY READING REALLY NECESSARY?

Reading aloud to your child is extremely important and will have a significant impact on your child's school success. When children listen to reading, they are being introduced to new vocabulary words, hearing what fluent and expressive reading sounds like and developing the understanding that reading is a pleasurable and fun activity.

THERE ARE SEVERAL DIFFERENT WAYS TO READ WITH YOUR CHILD:

READ ALOUD

- Take a picture walk - flipping through the book and looking at the picture, talking about what you see before you start reading.
- Predict what you think will happen in the story.
- Track print as you read.
- Ask questions before, during, and after reading.
- Point out the detail in the illustrations.
- Use different voices for the characters.

ECHO READ

- Take a picture walk - flipping through the book and looking at the picture, talking about what you see before you start reading.
- Predict what you think will happen in the story.
- Track print as you read.
- Read a sentence or page. Have your child echo the sentence or page back to you.
- Ask questions as you read.

CHORAL READ

- Take a picture walk - flipping through the book and looking at the picture, talking about what you see before you start reading.
- Predict what you think will happen in the story.
- Track print as you read.
- Read the story out loud together, at the same time. Your child will use your guide if they are stuck on a word.

FOLLOW ME

- Take a picture walk - flipping through the book and looking at the picture, talking about what you see before you start reading.
- Predict what you think will happen in the story.
- Track print as you read.
- Begin by reading aloud. Stop in the middle of a sentence. Have your child read the next word.
- Continue reading aloud.

WHEN YOUR CHILD READS TO YOU:

- Have your child hold the book
- Take a picture walk - flipping through the book and looking at the picture, talking about what you see before you start reading.
- Predict what you think will happen in the story.
- Encourage them to track the print as they read.
- Talk about the story as they read.
- Don't be afraid to have them read the same book again! Repeated reading helps build reading fluency.

ENCOURAGE THEM TO USE THE FOLLOWING STRATEGIES TO DECODE UNKNOWN WORDS.

FLY BY	CHUNKY MONKEY	STRETCH SNAKE	SKIPPY KANGAROO	FLIPPY DOLPHIN
Use picture clues to help figure out the unknown word.	Look for smaller chunks that they know.	Sound out the word by slowly blending all of the sounds so that their ear can "hear" the word.	Skip the word, reading the rest of the sentences and use context clues to decipher the unknown word	As they learn more phonics skills, have them try both the long and short vowel sound in unfamiliar words.

HELP PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH MULTIPLE READING MATERIALS. VISIT THE LIBRARY AND EXPLORE BOOKS; BOTH FICTION AND NON-FICTION, NEWSPAPERS, LETTERS, SHOPPING LISTS, CARDS, STORE ADS, SIGNS, AND COMICS!