

Reading Strategies to Use at Home

- Read aloud: It is okay for students to sit back and enjoy a good book without having to actually read it themselves.
- Talk about the cover of the book. This helps children become aware of their background knowledge.
- Predict: What will the book be about? What will happen next?
- Do a picture walk. This helps children become familiar with the story.
- Have children tackle unknown words in different ways.
 - Give them time!
 - Sound words out.
 - Look for known chunks.
 - Use picture clues.
 - Reread the sentence.
 - Put in a word that makes sense.
 - Skip it and go on.
 - If all else fails, tell them the word.
 - Do not stop a reader to correct every mistake. If meaning is not lost, let them keep going.
- Ask questions while reading. Talking and discussing during reading helps children put the story together.
- Make connections. Ask children: What does this remind you of? Do you remember when...? Did this ever happen to you?
- Retell the story.
- Name the characters, setting, problem, and solution.
- Discuss favorite parts, funniest parts, parts you didn't like, or something you learned.
- Reread the story. It helps build fluency.
- Praise your child! Feeling successful will help motivate your child to read more.