

Tips for Home Reading

Before Reading

- Orientate your child to the book first (front cover, back cover, blurb, title etc.)
- Give your child time to complete a picture walk and remind them to look at the pictures and the words.
- Talk about what they have seen in the picture walk- connect their ideas to their own experiences e.g. this book had a dog playing with a toy, have you seen a dog playing with toys? Explain what you saw? (around about 1min is fine for this)

While Reading

- When your child is reading try not to interrupt. Listen, monitor miscues and intervene once the child has stopped reading the page. Show them the miscue and then have them read the sentence again.
Always let them try first.
- Try to praise the use of the strategies your child is using rather than just saying 'good' or 'excellent. Instead say 'I like how you got your mouth ready to say that word' or 'I like the way you stretched out the sounds in that word". This reinforces the good reading strategies and your child is then more likely to keep using the strategy.

After Reading

- Talk about the book. Asking questions such as "what was your favourite part of the book" or "what happened in the beginning, middle and end" or, "what might happen next". It is important that your child can not only read the words but understands what they are reading.

General Tips

- Choose a time each night or morning to read.
- At home reading time needs to only be for about 10min (2 books a night).
- Be enthusiastic about the reading when you go to do it with your child. If they see you are enthusiastic about reading they will be too.
- Share a variety of texts with your child (books, magazines, internet, posters, poems, rhymes). The more they are exposed to the more they will take in.
- If you can see that your child is tired share the book with them. They get a lot out of listening to others read to them and demonstrating the strategies correctly.
- Let your child read to different people (mum, dad, grandpa, grandma, aunts, uncles etc.). Kids love showing off their skills and it gives them a great sense of confidence.
- Remember that reading is a skill that takes time to master. Don't judge your child's progress against another child (we don't all learn to walk at the same stage and the same goes for reading).
- If you are unsure about anything to do with your child's reading please see your child's teacher.
- Finally, the more you practice reading with your child the better reader they will become.

10 WAYS TO BECOME A BETTER READER:

1. READ

2. Read

3. Read

4. Read

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10. Read

