

Reading Begins at Home

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Fluency:

Expressive Reading- Find a song or poem that your child enjoys. Have him read the lyrics or words with as much expression as possible. Think about which words need emphasis. Look carefully and determine what kinds of punctuation could go in the song or poem (if it's not there already). Use the punctuation to help determine how to read the song or poem.

Comprehension:

Making Predictions helps your child engage in the material and keeps him interested.

Before Reading ask your child what they think the story is about. Have them look at the cover, do a "picture walk" through the pages, examine the table of contents, maps, diagrams and features. What does he think the will happen in this story?

During Reading have your child continually think about what will happen next. It's okay if the prediction is incorrect. It's okay to revise predictions as the story continues.

After Reading determine if the predictions were correct. Remember, it's okay if they weren't!

Non-Book Reading Activities:

- Plan an event. For example, have your child help plan a party or trip. They can look in catalogues or travel guides for ideas for the event. Have them create lists of important things they need to buy or bring along.

Tips for Listening to Your Child Read:

Be a drama queen. When you're the one doing the reading, use lots of expression. Really put on a show! This will encourage your child to do the same when she reads. If she can, you'll know she's understanding the words she's reading, and not simply parroting them mindlessly.

