

Reading Begins at Home

January

Fluency:

Memorize a Poem- Find a favorite poem that you and your child enjoy. Shel Silverstein is a favorite author for many children. Read and reread the poem until it is memorized. Focus on expression, phrasing, and reading at an appropriate pace.

Non-Book Reading Activities:

- Get a magazine subscription or check out magazines from the library. *Highlights for Children, My Big Back Yard, Chickadee, Discovery Kids, National Geographic Kids, Ranger Rick, and Sports Illustrated Kids* are magazines that are popular amongst children 6-9 years old.

Comprehension:

Determining Importance People are bombarded daily with information. Knowing the purpose for reading helps determine what's important. Reader's need to distinguish between:

Fiction and nonfiction

Important from unimportant information

Activities:

- Ask your child to think of another title for the story (it should have to do with the main idea)
- Try to recall 3-5 facts after reading
- Write a list of important words relating to the story or information

Tips for Listening to Your Child Read:

Encore! When he finishes a passage or a story, ask him to read it again. Your interest is a confidence-booster, and the extra practice with familiar text will also boost both his skills and his self-esteem.

