

There's more to reading than just saying the words!

Here are a few tips to help your child become a better reader.

Before Reading the Book

- Look at the front and back covers. Read the title and look at the pictures in the book.
- Ask your child to predict what might happen in the book.
- Ask your child to recall a personal experience that connects the book with an event in his/her own life.

While Reading the Book

- For unfamiliar words, encourage your child to think about the story.
 - What word would make sense?
 - What word would sound right?
 - Notice the letters to help you.
- Encourage your child to read fluently with phrasing and expression.

After Reading the Book

- Talk about what happened in the story.
- Some suggested open-ended questions:
 - What was your favorite part? Why?
 - How does this book remind you of other books you've read?
 - What might be a better title for this book?
 - Who do you think was telling the story?
 - What is another way the characters could have solved the problem?
 - How does this character remind you of someone you know or have read about?

Rereading and Responding to the Book

- Invite your child to draw or write about what he/she learned.
- Have your child tape record his/her reading of the story.
- Have your child reread the text to another family member or friend.