

Ways to Support Your Developing Reader

- Prior to your child reading, give him/her a brief summary. Doing this will support your child's reading for meaning.
- Encourage your child to take a book look. Say: "Tell me what is happening in the story through the pictures." The pictures in books are very important. Knowing how to use pictures effectively while reading will help your child build a greater understanding of what he/she reads.
- When your child is reading, stops at a word and then makes a guess that is either correct or incorrect ask: "Are you right? How do you know you are right?" Encourage your child to articulate his/her thinking.
- When your child stops at a tricky part, ask "What can you do to help yourself?"
- Encourage your child to solve words by using what he/she already knows. "If you know the word *look*, you can read the word *took*."
- Encourage your child to talk about the book he/she is reading.
- **Spend at least 15 to 20 minutes having your child read each night.**
- **Read aloud often to your child.**

Reading aloud with children is known to be the single most important activity for building the knowledge and skills they will eventually require for learning to read."

— Marilyn Jager Adams