

## Ways To Help Your Child With Reading At Home

### Please Do:

- Listen Quietly
- Stay OUT of the Book
- Enjoy the Story
- Enjoy the Rendition
- Tell (no frills)

### Please Do Not:

- Say "Sound it Out"
- Cover the Pictures
- Talk, Meddle in the Story
- Discourage Pointing
- Give Hints
- Tolerate Frustration

### What to do when young readers get stuck:

1. Wait and see if they work it out.
2. Say, "Try it again."
3. Say, "Look at the picture."
4. Say, "Think about what would make sense."
5. Say, "Read the sentence again and start the tricky work."
6. Tell the word. Have the student re-read the sentence to make it his own.

### What to do when young readers make a mistake:

1. If the mistake makes sense, don't worry about it.
2. If the mistake doesn't make sense, wait to see if the reader will fix it.
3. Say, "Try it again."
4. Say, "Did that make sense?"
5. Say, "Did what you read look right and sound right?"
6. Tell the correct response. Have the student re-read the sentence to make it her own.

### Strategies For Your Child To Learn

What can you do when you don't know a word?

- Look at the picture.
- Go back to the beginning of the sentence.
- Read again.
- Say the first sound of the tricky word.
- If you get stuck again:
  - Go back to the beginning of the sentence.
  - Read again.
  - When you get to the tricky word, say the first sound, then use a chunk you know.
  - Think what would fit there.
  - Now give it a try:
    - Does it make sense?
    - Does it sound right?
    - Does it look right?