

# Reading Tips

## SIMPLE STRATEGIES FOR CREATING STRONG READERS

- Invite a child to read with you every day.
- Read a child's favorite book over and over again.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and lines that repeat. Invite the child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as he or she reads along with you.
- Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.
- Read from a variety of children's books, including fairy tales, song books, poems, and information books.

## PHONETIC STRATEGIES DURING READING

- \* Give your child sufficient time to decode unfamiliar words. Guide them to look at initial and final consonant sounds.
- \* Provide suggestions for decoding the vowel sounds (try the short sound, try the long sound).
- \* Allow time for your child to self-correct, go back and reread
- \* Break an unfamiliar word into syllables so that your child can focus on one syllable at a time. Reread the word blending the syllables together.
- \* Expect your child to use phonics strategies at the appropriate level of ability.
- \* Note that there are phonetically irregular words that do not follow conventional pronunciations. Therefore, these words must be practiced, memorized and/or recognized with respect to the context of the sentence.