

## **Tips for Reading with Your Child**

Helping your child become a reader is easy! Parents often worry that they are not doing the right thing. However, chances are, you are doing everything right! Just to reassure you, we've created a list of tips below.

- ❖ **Encourage your children to use the pictures! This is not cheating, it's what good readers do!**
- ❖ **Children learning to read should be encouraged to look at the beginning letters. Not all words can be sounded out but the first letter is a good clue to help children understand what will and will not make sense.**
- ❖ **Have your child break the words into parts. They should look for little words they know inside of big words.**
- ❖ **Read on. Have children skip the word they are stuck on and read to the end of the sentence. When they finish the sentence, ask them what would make sense.**
- ❖ **Give your children vocabulary clues. If they are trying to read a new word, help them make a guess by telling them about the word.**
- ❖ **Make sure you are giving your child just right books. Matching a book with your child is important. A child who is reading a book that is too hard will easily become frustrated and stop trying.**

**And, most importantly....read with your child every day. Reading to your child is just as important as having your child read to you!**