

Reading *at home*

When reading with your student at home, it is important to find just-right books, be patient, and be consistent. Just-right books are books where your student can read 9/10 words correctly on every page. It is recommended that students read between 15-20 minutes every day. This will help to build fluency, build comprehension, and develop essential reading skills. Following are some general guidelines to help get you started:

- Sit next to your student while reading (so you can clearly see the words)
- Begin with a "picture walk" (using vocabulary from the book to first look through the pictures)
- Have your student track each word they read with their finger
- Let your student read & reread books many times
- Ask essential questions about the story (e.g. Who was the main character? Where was the setting? What happened in the story? What was the problem? How was it solved?)
- When your student makes an error, have them re-read the sentence to fix their mistake independently
- If they don't fix it on their own, point out the letter sounds in the words and refer to the pictures
- Reinforce unfamiliar words by having them re-read the word correctly and compliment their reading skills
- Model fluent reading to your student

Fluent reading includes:

- Using a strong, confident voice
- Having expression that matches the meaning of the text
- Having a "just right pace" (not too fast nor too slow)
- Appropriate pauses, etc. with punctuation

Enjoy! 😊

Read every day.