

Tips for helping your child to read.

1. Show interest in your child's reading. Be positive and praise his efforts.
Remember: success breeds success.
2. Try to find a quiet place to listen to your child. Look through the book and talk about the story, using the pictures to get ideas.
3. Listen to your child every day if possible. It only takes 5 or 10 minutes.
Keep it short and successful.
4. Let your child be **independent** in holding the book and turning the pages. He should be the one pointing to the words, not you. Only point to the text to assist with a problem.
5. Once your child can track across the text word by word, he does not need to point to every word as he reads, Eyes can control the reading and this helps to develop fluency.
6. **Give your child time** to work out a word. Don't tell him straightaway. He may take time to solve the problem. **Praise when he is successful!**
7. Remember, **it is useful to re-read familiar books** at home. This helps to build fluency. Do not be concerned about rushing through the reading levels.
8. Keep communicating with us at school. Say what has gone well. If you have any concerns, use the reading diary or come to talk to us. Your child will like the fact that you write in the diary and show interest.
9. Give you child the experience of a range of reading material- comics, magazines, internet, etc. Join the library; - it's free!!
10. **Your interest in reading is such a valuable thing. Your role is vital in your child's success .Don't forget to read to your child in your first language too. This develops an ear for story structures and cultural identity.**