



TIPS FOR HELPING YOUR CHILD BECOME A BETTER READER

When you read with your child, be careful not to correct their errors, but rather guide your child into self-monitoring. If your child reads a word incorrectly and does not pause or re-read to self-correct, here are some helpful prompts to use with your child when s/he reads to you:

- Did that make sense?
- What would make sense there?
- What would make sense and look right?
- You are nearly right. What would make sense?
- That makes sense but does it look right?
- It starts with that letter, but does it make sense?
- Try that again and think what would make sense.
- Try that again and think what would look right and make sense.
- Try that again and think what would sound right and make sense.
- Think of what would make sense and check the letters.
- Do you know something that would make sense and (starts like... ends like...) that?
- What do you know that might help?
- Read from the beginning and try that again.
- How do you think your reading sounds? (fluency)
- Make it sound like you are talking. (fluency)