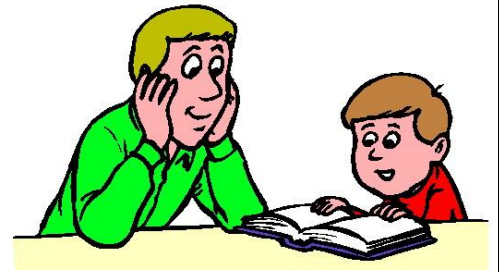


Home Reading



Before Reading begins:

1. Read the title
2. Explore all of the pictures and discuss
3. Activate prior knowledge (link to own experiences)
4. Predict the story

How to help when a child is "stuck":

1. Point to words as you read
2. Look at the beginning letter and **match with the picture**
3. **Use sounding** for short words (slide finger underneath as you go)
4. For longer words-
 - * cover up part of the word and sound the syllables
 - * break into **chunks**
 - * look for smaller words within
 - * point out blends, or known spelling patterns
5. Look for **sight words**
6. **Skip** the unknown word and keep reading- go back and see if there is a word that **makes sense** that matches the letter patterns
7. Listen to the word choice - if it sounds strange and does not make sense **try another word**

