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