

# IDEAS FOR READING AT HOME



*As with anything in life, practice makes perfect! Children need opportunities to practice all of the reading skills they learn at school. Reading is the best practice! Here are some suggestions to make the most of your child's reading at home:*

1. **Only use these steps if your child is reading a book on his/her level. If the book is too difficult for your child, please read with them and help them as needed.**
2. **Sit right next to your child so you will know if your child is reading the words correctly.**
3. **If your child is reading a book on his/her level and he/she makes a mistake, let your child read to the end of the sentence. He/she may figure out the mistake and correct it.**
4. **If your child doesn't figure out the word, point to it and say, "You said \_\_\_\_\_ here, but it's a different word."**
5. **If the word is short (only 1-syllable) say, "Touch under each letter and say the sounds. Now blend and read the word. Now that you know the word, go back and read the whole sentence so it makes sense."**
  - **If your child makes a mistake when sounding out the word, point to that letter and say, "What sound does \_\_\_\_\_ make? Now go back, touch under each letter again and say the sounds. Now blend and read the word."**
6. **If the word is long (2 or more syllables) say, "This word has a lot of parts or syllables, so let's break the word down." Cover up all of the word except for the part you want to read. Say, "Touch and say the sounds for this part. Now blend and read this part." Uncover the next part of the word and say the same thing. Then say, "Now blend both parts together and read the word. Now that you know the word, go back and read the whole sentence so it makes sense."**

