

Reading Practice at Home

Quick tips for Parents



It is incredible that you are reading with your kiddo at home. Here are a few quick tips to make it the best possible experience for everyone.

- ☆ Keep it fun and simple to build confidence. Five minutes of enjoyable reading is much better than 15 minutes of stressful reading.
- ☆ Break it up over a few sessions. For example, twenty minutes might be too strenuous, but ten minutes right before supper and ten minutes after bath time might help make the task less daunting for your kiddo.
- ☆ You can read more than just books. A few decodable word cards or sentences each night might be just the ticket to help your student to make great gains in reading.
- ☆ Ask your kid's teacher for appropriate books and materials for your student.
- ☆ All words cannot be sounded out. Help your reader sound out decodable words. Irregular words or words that follow phonics patterns that are unfamiliar might just be told to your reader.
- ☆ Read a page or two and then ask a few questions.
 - Who are the characters in the story?
 - What is the setting?
 - What has happened so far in this story?
 - What do you like best about this story?
- ☆ Reread familiar easy to read text to help with fluency. Practice pausing and stopping for periods and commas, read with expression, and at a smooth pace. Rereading also helps words become automatic.

