

# Title I Literacy Night Reading Strategies

## **How to Encourage Reading**

1. **Read aloud with your child.** Find a comfortable spot where the two of you can read together every day for about 15 - 20 minutes. Take turns, listen to your child, or read aloud to your child.
2. **Encourage all reading.** Comic books and magazines can provide a good reading experience. As long as they are age-appropriate, don't discourage interest, but keep a stock of high-quality books in your home so other options are easily available.
3. **Keep a dictionary handy.** Together, look up words your child doesn't know and invest in a dictionary they can use on their own. Dollar Tree has them.
4. **Use informative books.** Encourage reading for information. If your child has a science report, help him/her find books for research rather than only going to the web. While the internet is an easy resource, teach that books are often more detailed.
5. **Discuss the books.** Ask your child what an author's main theme is, how characters are alike or different, what they like or dislike about the story, and how it compares to other books they have read. Share your own thoughts.
6. **Turn on** the t.v. closed captioning while watching shows, movies, or playing games.
7. **Expect plateaus.** Following some big leaps in their progress, your child may stay at the same reading level for several months. Keep encouraging them and offer praise.
8. **Set a good example.** Read for your own pleasure and information every day at home, in a room without television.
9. **Talk about what you see and do.** Talk about everyday activities to build your child's background knowledge, which is crucial to listening and reading comprehension.

## **When they can't read a word, say:**

- Can you sound it out?
- Fingertap it.
- Can you think of the word or movement that helps you remember that vowel sound?
- What is the first and last sound?
- What word would make sense?
- Does it have a pattern that you have seen in other words?  
(ex: -an, ack)
- How does the word begin?
- You said \_\_\_\_\_. Does that make sense?
- What word would make sense that would start with these sounds?
- Put your finger under the word as you say it.

## **Five Finger Rule for Choosing "Just Right Books":**

- 1 Choose a book that you think you will enjoy.
- 2 Read the second page.
- 3 Hold up a finger for each word you are not sure of, or do not know.
- 4 If there are five or more words you did not know, you should choose an easier book.
- 5 Still think it may not be too difficult? Use the five finger rule on two more pages.

## **Literacy Websites:**

Epic (Free online library)-  
<https://www.getepic.com/>

IXL [www.ixl.com](http://www.ixl.com) (Login through Clever)

Spelling City (Login through Clever)

Storyline Online (Read Alouds)  
<https://www.storylineonline.net/>