

**How can I help my  
child learn to...**



**...read?**

## Reading Together - Setting the Scene

1. Choose an appropriate time to read when both you, and your child, are relaxed.
2. Choose a time that is free from distractions and interruptions.
3. Read for a short time only (10-15 minutes) unless your child is enjoying the story so much he/she doesn't want to stop.
4. Allow your child time to think before you offer help - sometimes they just need time to break down the word.
5. Make reading time fun.  
Give your child lots of praise.



## How Can You Help?

- ☞ Make sure you know the sounds that letters make (see the video on the website);
- ☞ Look at the sounds and syllables in words by breaking words up;
- ☞ Look at the pictures for clues to help;
- ☞ Read on and come back to a difficult word if your child gets stuck;
- ☞ Encourage your child to think about if what he has read makes sense;
- ☞ Ask your child to predict what he thinks might happen next;
- ☞ Discuss the plot and characters ;
- ☞ Discuss how the story or events make you feel and why;
- ☞ Encourage your child to read with expression by modeling this;
- ☞ Model how the punctuation makes reading more fluent;
- ☞ Make comments in your child's reading log.

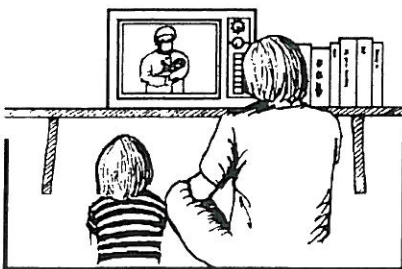
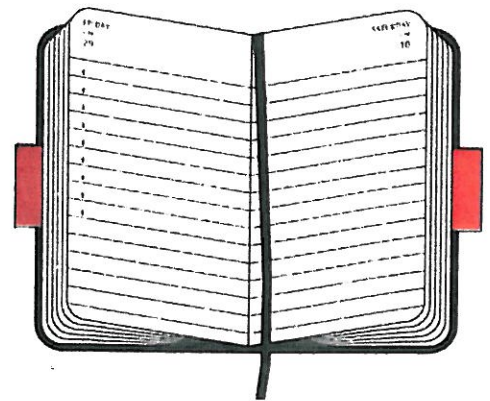


## What else can I do?



Give your child a shopping list of items to find when you go shopping.

Keep a diary of the things you do together, and plan to do, for your child to refer to.



Read the TV guides together or find out from the local paper what is happening nearby.

Cook something!  
Reading recipes is still reading!

