

Supporting Reading at Home

Sharing a Book with your Child

How you can help:



Features:

- Look at the cover
- What do the pictures tell us?
- Ask the child to point to the title
- What do you think the book is about?
- Who is the author? Illustrator? What are their jobs?

Pictures:

- Take your time and look at all of the pictures in the book
 - Talk about them

Predictions:

- Discuss what you think will happen in the story and encourage them to say why they think this
- As you read, encourage them to guess what might happen next
- If they don't know a word, encourage them to use the pictures and previous sentences to guess it

Reading:

- Point to the words as you read to make sure no word is skipped
- Allow your child to sound out long words to try to figure out the word themselves
 - Continue to ask them questions to ensure that they understand what they are reading - Who? What? Where? When? Why?
- Clarify difficult words at the end of the story

Retelling:

- Ask your child to close the book and retell the story in their own words
- Ask your child to draw their favourite part from the story
- Ask them to rate the book out of 10
- Tell them it's ok to not like the book once they explain why

