HOW TO READ WITH CHILDREN:



Sample Questions to Ask:

These are good for starting discussions about fiction books. Pick out a few each day. There are no right or wrong answers.

-Look at the cover illustration; read the title, identify the author.

-Have your child take a “picture walk” through the book, looking at the pictures but not reading the text.

-Ask: What do you think will happen in this story?

-Depending on the level of the book and the reading ability of your child reading together can be done in several ways. Your child may read the entire story. The parent may read the story or parent and child can take turns reading.

-Begin reading the story. Stop to ask questions checking to make sure your child understands the story.

-Continue to make predictions, “What do you think will happen next?”

“What makes you think that?”

-After finishing the story ask more questions to check for understanding.

-“What part did you like best? Why?”

-“Did this story remind you of anything you have done or seen?”

-“Did the story end the way you thought it would? What were the clues that helped you figure it out?”

-“What questions would you ask if the author were here?”

-“What would you have done if you were \_\_\_\_\_ (story character)?

-“Why do you think the title of this book was \_\_\_\_\_\_?”

-“Who was the main character in the story? How would you describe the main character?”

-“What was the problem in the story? How was the problem solved?”

- “What character in the book are you most like? Explain.”

- “Where did the story take place? (setting)?”

-“Think of a different ending to the story.”

-“Would you recommend this book to a friend?”

When Your Child Has Trouble With Words

Go over this list with your child. When you are reading together, you may want to have him/her try to sound words out keeping the frustration level low so the experience is pleasant.

-What word would make sense there?

-Use the picture to help you figure out what the word could be.

-Skip over the word and read to the end of the sentence. Now, what do you think the word could be?