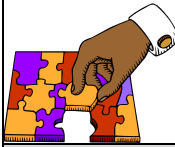


# Children who read succeed!



Reading is like a puzzle with three main pieces: **decoding**, **fluency** and **comprehension**. If any one piece of this puzzle is missing, your child's ability to read will suffer.

## Here's how you can help!!

- Read for pleasure yourself. This way you can serve as a role model.
- Read anything and everything **with** your child; books, signs, posters, cereal boxes, papers, internet sites—if you can read it, read it with your child!
- Read **to** your child.
- Have your child read to you.
- Make sure your child has access to plenty of reading material.
- Let your child read books in his/her native language. (Reading skills are transferable from one language to another!)
- Let your child read books at his/her own level. Your child will not understand books that are too difficult. This will become frustrating and make reading a negative experience. Successfully decoding (saying the words correctly) does not mean the book is at the right level! They must be able to understand the work!
- Finally, READ, READ, READ!!!

**When your child is reading to you, here are some tips to help his/her skills develop in each of the following areas.**

<u>Decoding unknown words</u>	<u>Fluency</u>	<u>Comprehension</u>
<p>~Break the word up into small, manageable parts.</p> <p>~Ask them if the word looks like any other words they know.</p> <p>~Have your child skip the word, read the rest of the sentence and ask them what word would make sense.</p> <p>~If your child makes a mistake, have them finish the sentence and ask them if it made sense to them.</p>	<p>-Be patient.</p> <p>-Have your child break the sentence into smaller chunks of a few words each.</p> <p>-If your child really struggles with a sentence, wait until they are finished, read it for them and have them repeat it.</p> <p>-If your child is really struggling with a particular book, that is a signal that the book is too challenging. Help them choose an easier book.</p>	<p>Ask your child factual questions, but also ask them questions like:</p> <p>-What do you think will happen next?</p> <p>-Why do you think that happened?</p> <p>-Does this book remind you of another book?</p> <p>-Which character do you like the best?</p> <p>-Why do you think the author chose that word?</p> <p>-Can you picture that in your mind?</p>