

Reading at Home with a Beginning Reader

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Before Reading

- ◇ Show the front of the book.
 - *Read the Title, talk about what the book may be about. (predicting)
 - *Identify the author, explain that is who wrote the book
 - *Identify the illustrator, explain that is who drew the pictures in the book.
- ◇ Show the back of the book.
- ◇ Show the spine of the book.
 - *show your child where their spine is.
- ◇ Take a picture walk.
 - *Name the items you see. You can place them into categories (like animals, plants, etc)
 - * Talk about the colors you see.

Make Reading Fun

- ◇ Use different voices for the characters.
- ◇ Read in a different spot, like: outside on a blanket, under the covers by flashlight, etc....
- ◇ Take turns reading each page, read the page together.
- ◇ Act out the story.
- ◇ Remember: it is okay to reread a story many times.

While Reading

- ◇ Talk about vocabulary, you think your child may not understand.
 - *use the pictures and the sentences around the word to explain what the word means.
- ◇ Talk about the actions in the story.
- ◇ Talk about the characters emotions and why they might feel that emotion.

After Reading

- ◇ Talk about the events in the story and the order they happened.
- ◇ Talk about the setting(s) in the story.
- ◇ Talk about what they liked and didn't like in the book and why. (or you can have them write or draw about it.)

