

# READING at Home with Your Child

HERE ARE A FEW TIPS AND IDEAS TO HELP CULTIVATE A LOVE OF READING AT HOME!

- Let them hold the book as you read
- Allow them to turn the pages
- Invite them to read with you
- Let them finish the sentences if reading with you
- Point to the words as you read so they associate words with reading
- Model reading in front of your child
- Go to the library
- Encourage them to read the pictures and talk about them
- Read the same 2-3 books every day for a week, then switch.
- Read to them daily
- Designate a "reading time" where the whole family sits down to read
- Allow them to choose books
- Talk about the books after reading them
- Be excited about reading with your child. It's contagious!

"CHILDREN ARE MADE READERS ON THE LAPS OF THEIR PARENTS." — EMILIE BUCHWALD

# What is Fluency?

Fluency is the ability to read **smoothly** and **automatically** with accuracy, expression, and attention to punctuation.

## PACE



**The speed or rate at which you read**

The goal is to read at a "just right" pace  
Not reading too fast or too slow

## PHRASING

**Reading smoothly by scooping or grouping words together into meaningful phrases**

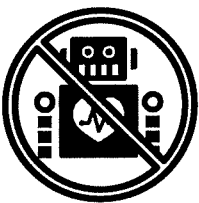
Reading words in groups or phrases  
Not reading words one.word.at.a.time.



## EXPRESSION

**Reading with feeling in your voice**

Changing your voice to match a character  
Reading like you talk (and not like a robot!)  
Moving your voice up and down with the text



## PUNCTUATION

**Reading with attention to punctuation**



Stopping at *full stops*  
Pausing at *commas*



Making your voice go up for *question marks*  
Showing excitement for *exclamation points*  
Sounding like characters talking for *"quotation marks"*