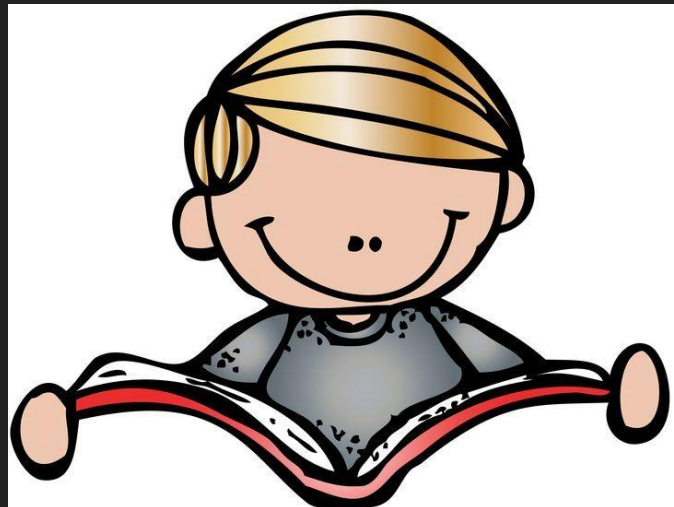


Ways to help your First Grader with reading at home!



Explore Books!

- Give your child an opportunity to explore books!
- Visiting a library or a bookstore gives your child a chance to find books that interest them.



Read, Read, Read!

- Make sure to read for at least **20 minutes per day!**
- Students can read independently, aloud to an adult, or back and forth with a partner.



Ask Questions!

- Predictions
- Characters
- Main Idea
- Problem/Solution
- Moral
- Retell Story
- Genre



Pick Good Fit Books

- A book that is a good match for your child should meet the following requirements:
 - 1. Purpose for reading.
 - 2. Interest
 - 3. Can they understand what they are reading?
Can they retell the story?
 - 4. Do they know most of the words?



For Beginning Readers:

- Point out and read words in natural settings – stories, streets, etc.
- Memorize sight words.
- Visualize the story in your head.
- Ask questions before, during, and after reading

- **Don't immediately tell an unknown word to your child.** Instead, ask them to:
 - Sound out the word.
 - Break the word into chunks.
 - Try a different vowel sound (long/short)
 - Use illustrations for clues
 - Skip the word, re-read the sentences, and go back – What word would make sense?



For Advanced Readers:

- Notice interesting, new vocabulary words, and make it a challenge to use them in conversation.
- Read with expression.
- Explore non-fiction books and their text features (diagrams, table of content, etc.) along with other genres as well.
- Compare and contrast books.
- Discuss connections.
- Explore multiple books from the same author.

