

TIPS FOR READING TO YOUR STUDENT

- ◆ Introduce the book: read the title, author, and illustrator; look at the cover; talk about what the book might be about; suggest things to look and listen for.
- ◆ Run your finger under the text, while reading.
- ◆ Answer questions related to the book; save other questions for later.
- ◆ Talk about the story during and after a read-aloud session.
- ◆ Ask children to look closely at the pictures to help them understand the story and make predictions about what might happen next.
- ◆ Repeat interesting words and rhymes while reading a book and at a later time.
- ◆ Pause and wait so children can say the word that ends a repetitive or predictable phrase.
- ◆ Stop to ask thinking questions: "What might happen next? Where did he go? Why did she do that?"
- ◆ Follow up on the story. Invite your student to talk; draw or paint; pretend to be one of the characters; and so on.
- ◆ Ask your student to imagine and explain a different ending to the book.
- ◆ Adjust these strategies to the reading level, attention span, and preferences of your student.