Reading Tips for Parents and Guardians

How To Read With A Beginning Reader:

- Encourage your child to use his/her finger to point to each word.
- Read a sentence and have your child repeat it.
- Take turns reading a sentence each or a page each.
- Talk about the story as you read it. What do you think will happen next? What does this story remind you of? How do you think this character feels?

Check For Understanding

- Start the book by making predictions. What do you think will happen in this story?
- Ask questions and make comments during the reading process.
- After reading a book, have your child tell you the events from the story in the correct order.
- What was the problem in this story?
- How did the character feel when...?

Make Reading A Part Of Your Family Time!

- Read bedtime stories
- Play a board game
- Visit your local library
- Read a recipe and cook something yummy together!
- Create a comfy reading space in your home.
- Put your child in charge of reading the grocery list at the store.

Five Finger Rule

1. Open the book to any page.
2. Read the words on that page.
3. Count the number of words that you cannot read.
4. Use your fingers to help you decide if this is a good book to read.

0-1 = too easy
2-3 = just right
4 = okay to try
5+ = too hard

*Open a book to any page. Start reading. Hold up a finger every time you see a word you do not know.*
Math Tips for Parents and Guardians

REAL LIFE MATH
Highlight ways you use math in everyday life!
Think about how you use math for bills, grocery shopping, home improvement projects, and more!

MODEL
Create a visual model of any problem you solve using pictures, numbers, or manipulatives. At home, try using beans, coins, beads, or other items to model a problem.

SHARING
Sharing items is a great introduction to division. Your child can split items into equal groups, or cut one item into equal pieces. Discuss how you know the items are split equally.

PLAY A GAME
Play a game that involves numbers and math! You’ll sharpen your math skills and have fun at the same time!

TIME
Use increments of time for activities. How long does it take you to tie your shoe? How many times can you jump rope in 1 minute?