



## Suggestions for Practice at Home

If you notice your child is having difficulties, there are various activities you can do at home to reinforce their skills. Take a look at the following suggestions:

### Reading Comprehension

1. Before your child reads a book, have him/her scan the PICTURES (only). Have your child make a prediction about the story.
2. Discuss any tricky vocabulary as he/she reads. Ask if he/she understands all the words.
3. Pull in prior knowledge by asking lots of questions like, "What does this story remind you of?" "Have you read other stories like this one?" "What connection can you make between this story and things you're learning in school?"
4. After reading the story, go back to the prediction. Your child should tell whether or not the prediction was true. He/she should explain how the prediction was or was not true.
5. Your child can also invent a different ending to the story. Talk about the alternate ending with your child.
6. Your child can write a story like the one he/she just read. Change the characters and some of the events, but keep the moral or lesson of the story the same.

## Spelling or High Frequency Words

Play flashcard games:

- ◆ Put the words in ABC order.
- ◆ Put the words in backwards ABC order.
- ◆ Put all the words together that rhyme.
- ◆ Put all the words together in the right vowel sound families
- ◆ Put all the words together that have the same vowel pattern

## Word Analysis

- ◆ Know the difference between the name of a vowel and the sound of a vowel.
- ◆ Know the difference between the sound of a long vowel and the sound of a short vowel.
- ◆ Identify rhyming words (even when they don't have the same spelling pattern) e.g. seal and feel).
- ◆ Identify which word comes first or last in ABC order in a group of four words.
- ◆ Identify a noun.
- ◆ Identify a verb.
- ◆ Identify a compound word.
- ◆ Identify words with the same beginning, middle, or ending sound.
- ◆ Identify words that have a hard or a soft "g" sound (e.g. gem or great).