**Hints for Reading at Home**

Set up a specific reading time, then relax and enjoy that time with your child. Help your child to feel successful and good about him/herself as a reader.

**Choosing a book:**

Five finger rule- no more than 4 unknown words on a page for successful independent reading.

More difficult books can be read together or by the parent

Don’t feel you or your child have to finish every book you begin.

**Types of Reading;**

Silently to self (for children who read at 3rd grade or higher level)

Adult to child

Child to adult

Adult first, then child (same page or paragraph)

Adult reading aloud and letting child supply unknown words.

**How to handle errors:**

Ignore little errors unless the meaning is affected.

Ask “Does that make sense?” or comment “That didn’t make sense to me, let’s try that sentence/paragraph again.”

Suggest the word so that the child doesn’t become frustrated or lose the meaning of the passage.

**Understanding what is read:**

Talk together about what is happening in the story.

Ask questions about the story as you go along.

Why did she think/say/do that?

Why did he bring \_\_\_\_\_\_?

Who was the real \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_?

**Relax and enjoy this time together.**