**Reading Workshop**

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* Create a helpful framework for nightly reading practice.
  + Create a time for reading that isn’t bed time. Save the fun books for that!
  + Read together for 20 minutes or until it isn’t fun anymore. Sometimes children will want to move around. *Walking in place or other movements are fine as long as you can monitor progress.*
  + If you can’t make the time or the time isn’t enjoyable, call in the troops (older sibling, aunt, uncle, neighbor, nanny, grandparent, teenager who wants to make some extra money, etc.)
  + Set a reading goal before you get started. Make it something that both parent and child can agree on. Use specific praise to support the goal. See below for encouragement ideas.
* How to choose the “right” book for your child.
  + with adult support
  + for independent reading
* Give you insights into what reading strategy will be most successful for you and your family.
  + Parent reads, child listens
  + Parent and child read words simultaneously.
  + Parent reads a sentence, child reads same sentence, repeat.
  + Parent reads a sentence, child reads the next sentence, repeat.
  + Parent reads a page, child reads the same page, repeat.
  + Parent reads a page, child reads the next page, repeat.
  + Parent begins reading and stops at an undetermined point, child resumes where parent stopped, child stops and parent resumes, repeat until you are finished.
  + Parent listens, child reads.
  + Read along to audiobooks.
* Use encouragement to increase positive reading outcomes.
  + Phrases:
    - May I take a turn?
    - You got it!
    - You remembered how to say “the”, “a”, “I”, etc.
  + Self-monitoring of progress- *Your child can keep track of the number of words read in one minute, the number of minutes or books read each day, or the number of questions answered correctly about a story. A graph or chart can provide motivation and enable your child to take ownership of his or her success. Your child will also benefit if you offer encouragement, specific feedback, or small rewards for progress. As your child improves, provide more difficult reading material. Monitoring progress will help provide to both of you that your efforts are having an effect*. (from One Minute Reader, Read Naturally)
  + **The fewer words of correction, the better.**