Reading at Home

5 finger rule

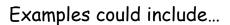
- Use the 5 finger rule to choose an appropriate level of book for your child to read independently.
- Allow your child to open the book at a random page.
- Ask them to begin reading.
- Ask your child to raise one finger each time they come to a read they cannot read.

1 finger	Too easy.
2 fingers	Just right! Enjoy.
3 fingers	Challenging! Give it a go.
4 fingers	Very challenging. Try with a partner.
5 fingers	Too difficult. Have an adult read it to you.

Effective Questioning

Try to get involved in some discussion during/after you child's reading. Questioning will confirm understanding.

Try to ask open ended questions which require more thought.



- 1. What do you think might happen next?
- 2. Why do you think the character is happy/sad?
- 3. Where/when does the story take place? How do you know?
- 4. Why do you think the author choose that setting?
- 5. Can you give the book a new title based on what happened?
- 6. What do the character's actions tell you about him/her.



Independence

Encourage your child to be independent in their reading. Give them time to try difficult words. Encourage them to develop the reading strategies below.

