

How to help your struggling reader

Phonemic Awareness: phonemic awareness skills are very important pre-reading skills. They are all oral.

Rhyming – (hot/pot)

Initial/Medial/Final Sounds – hearing sounds in words

(parent = "what is the beginning sound in fox?" child = "/f/")

Oral Blending – (parent = "/d/o/g/" child = "dog")

parent = /b/oy/ child = "boy")

Sound Segmentation – (parent = "van" child = "/v/a/n/")

Sight Words – There are 100 sight words that 1st graders need to be able to read by the end of the year. These words need to be memorized, not sounded out. You can find these words on our 1st grade web page.

Open Court Readers – These are the small white decodable readers your child brings home. One of the best things to have your child do is practice these books daily. Save all of the books brought home. Have your child go back and read the easier books to help build confidence and fluency. Start from the beginning and have your child read 2 books a day working through the stack.

Fluency Drills – These are words and sentences that can be practiced to help build fluency. They can be found on our 1st grade web page.

Idea: Print them off and start with the short a words. See how many words your child can read in a minute. Time them daily having them challenge themselves, watching their score get higher every day! Once they can read the words fluidly move onto the sentences. Keep going!

A Parent's Guide to Phonics – This is a list of the basic phonics rules to help you help your child! This can be found on our 1st grade website.

Helpful Fun Website to visit:

www.starfall.com www.abcmouse.com

