At Home Reading Tips and Tricks

With the books provided, students will be able to independently apply skills and strategies we learn in the classroom, while still feeling support from parents.

Tips for word attack

- Don't correct right away! Give your child time to recognize their mistake and then help them use strategies to fix it.
- Not all "mistakes" need to be fixed! If your child makes a small "mistake", such as replacing "a" for "the", just move on! It did not change any meaning from the story, so there is no need to point it out.

Tips for comprehension

- Ask recall questions—what happened in the story? What problem did the character face?
- Ask critical thinking questions—why did the character make that decision? How did the character feel when___?

Tips for fluency

- Look for right speed—not too fast and not too slow!
- Smooth, not choppy.
- Watch for inflection and attention to punctuation.

Don't forget to compliment your child! One major goal is to build confidence, so find something in every reading experience to compliment—excellent excitement with exclamation marks, correcting their own mistakes, etc.

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