

## HELPFUL HINTS

Make reading aloud a special family time! Reading aloud with your children helps build a love of reading in your little ones. Pick a regular time each night to tune into a favorite book- or maybe choose the morning as a time to share stories. Choosing a regular time helps ensure that you spend some quality time together, and allows you to demonstrate good reading habits. Read all types of books, including books based on favorite television shows or graphic novels. Use websites such as Storyline Online ([www.storylineonline.net](http://www.storylineonline.net)) or pick up a book of jokes and riddles. Books enable a child's imagination to soar. It's one of the greatest gifts you can give your child!

Encourage your child to keep a list of new words learned from the books to build vocabulary. Children see and hear new words every day in school. Many of the classrooms have interesting new words they come across in their daily work posted in their classrooms. Play Go Fish with the new words written on index cards in place of playing cards. Have a contest tallying which family member uses the words from the read alouds the most each week. Make learning fun. If they see you enjoy reading and learning they will too.