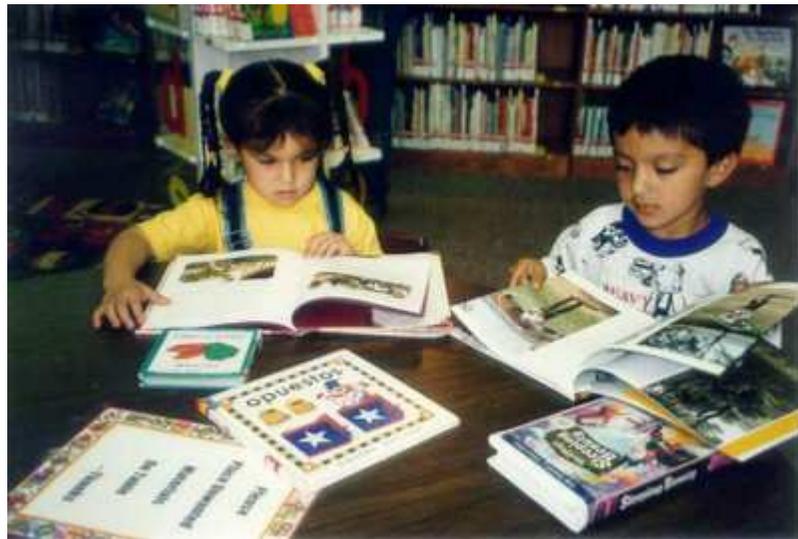
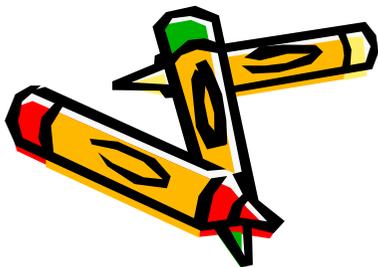


Reading Strategies for Success



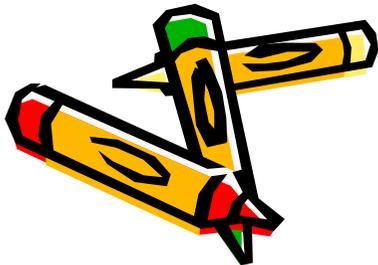
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Strategies to Help Kids Who Struggle with Reading

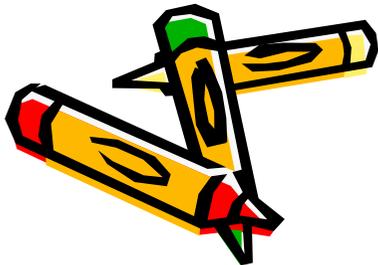
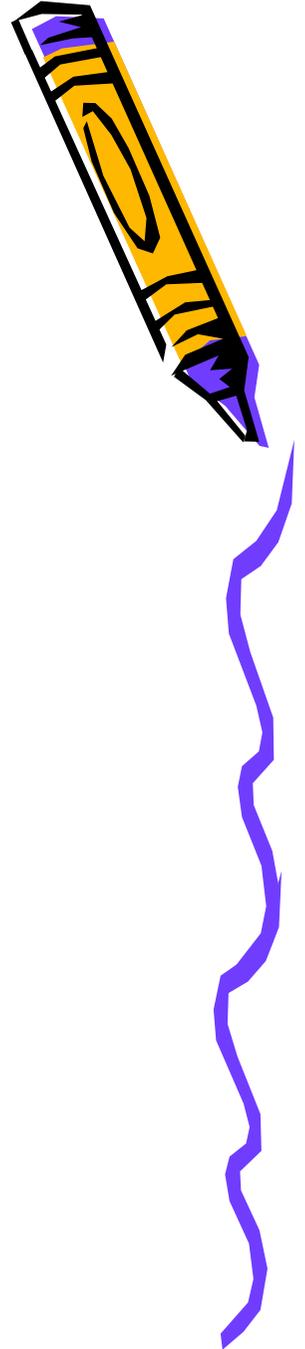


- Did you know that learning to read is a challenge for almost 40 percent of kids? The good news is that with early help, most reading problems can be prevented. The bad news is that 44 percent of parents who notice their child having trouble wait a year or more before getting help.



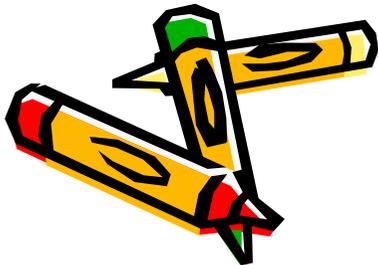
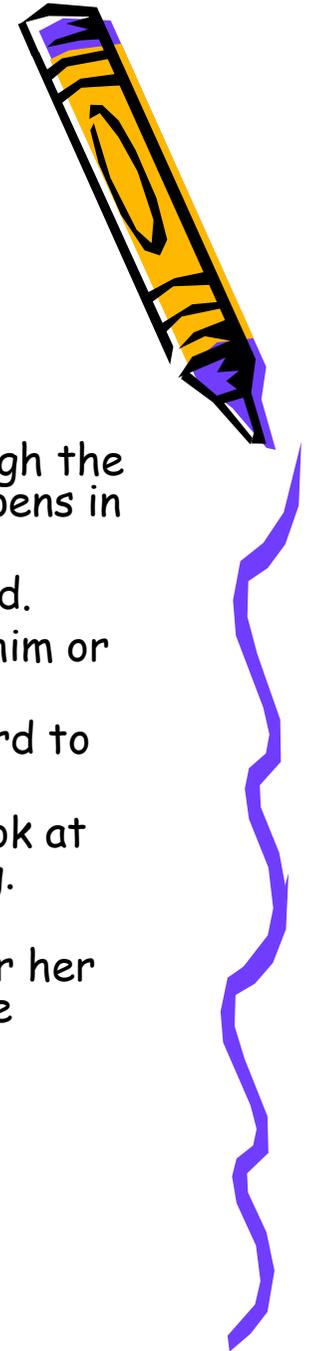
Strategies to Teach Your Child

- Look at the picture.
- Get your mouth ready to read.
- How does the word begin?
- Read it all the way through.
- Does that word make sense?
- Does the word look right?
- Does that word sound right?
- Go back and reread the whole sentence.



Reading With Your Child

- Read the introduction at the beginning of the book aloud. Look through the pictures together (picture walk) so that your child can see what happens in the story before reading the words.
- Read the first page to your child, placing your finger under each word.
- Let your child touch the words and read the rest of the story. Give him or her time to figure out each new word.
- As your child reads have him or her slide their finger under each word to flow the sweep of the text.
- If your child gets stuck on a word you might say, "Try something. Look at the picture. What clues does the picture give about what's happening. What would make sense?"
- If your child is still stuck supply the right word. This will allow him or her to continue to read and enjoy the story. You might say, "Could this be 'ball'?"

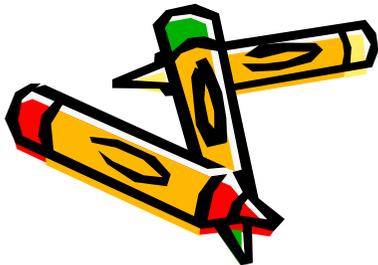
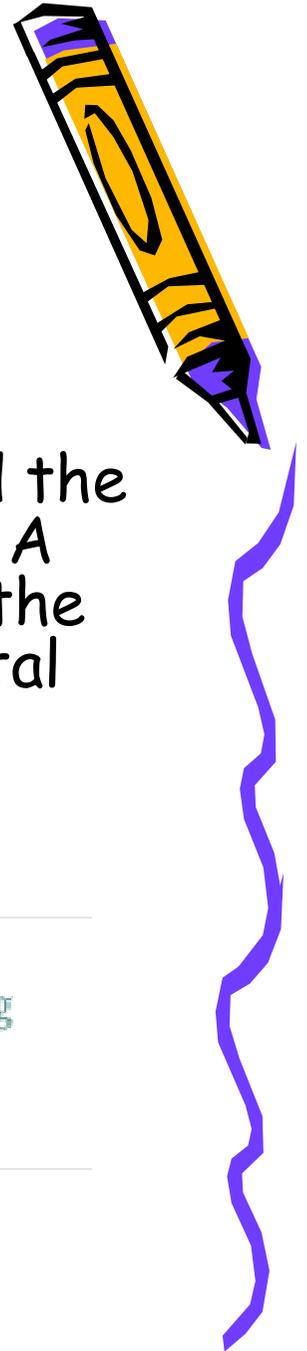


Focus on Fluency

Fluency means being able to decode individual words accurately and quickly... and understand the words as you read them. This is a crucial skill. A child who reads haltingly will work so hard at the mechanics of the task that there's little mental energy left to understand the meaning.

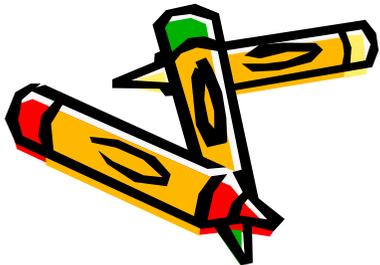
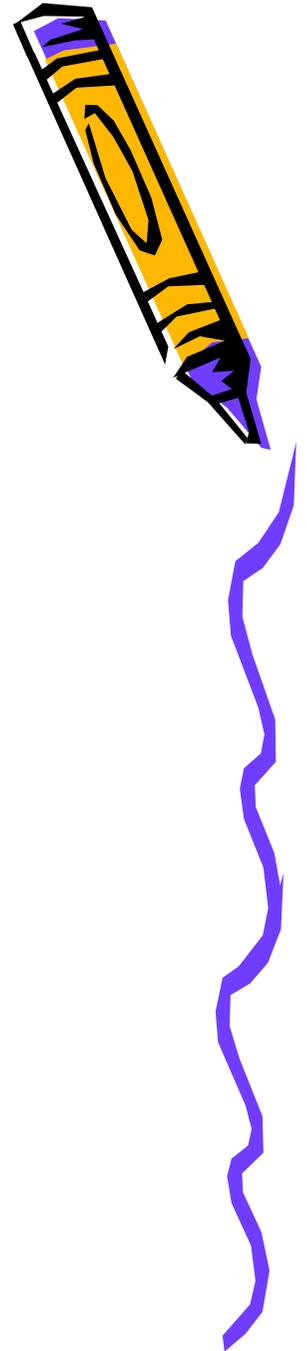
“The more rapid you are at reading, the more time you can actually allocate to understanding what you read.”

— Maryanne Wolf
Tufts University



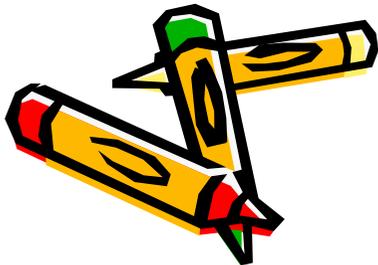
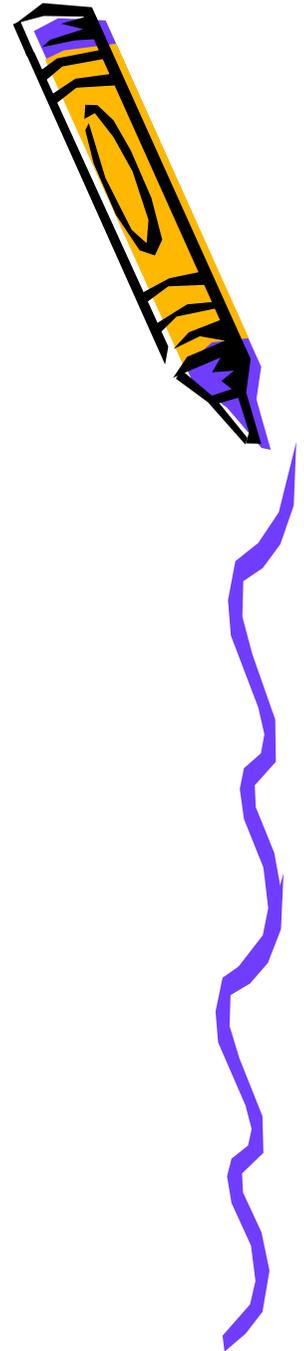
How Parents Can Help Build Fluency

- Choose the Right Books
- Listen Every Day
- Reread
- Read to Your Kids Every Day



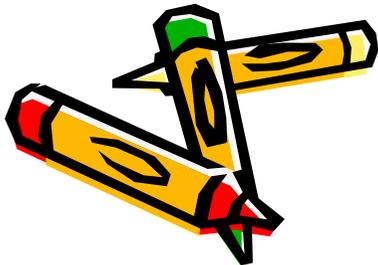
Choose the Right books

Help your child choose books that he can comfortably read. The "five-finger test" is a useful guideline for beginning readers. As your child reads, count the number of words he cannot read per page. In general, there should be five words or fewer that give him trouble on each page. If a book contains several pages on which you count more than five words that he can't read, consider reading that book to your child until he develops more reading skill.



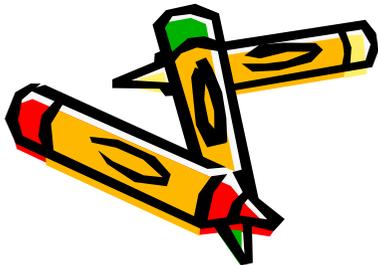
Listen Every Day

- Once you've found a collection of books that your child can read, listen to your child read every day.
- Be patient - new readers often read slowly! Offer wait time to allow your child to figure out the word when he or she gets stuck. If your child needs help after that, feel free to provide it.
- **ALWAYS** give lots of praise and encouragement!



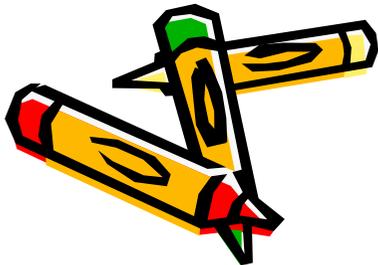
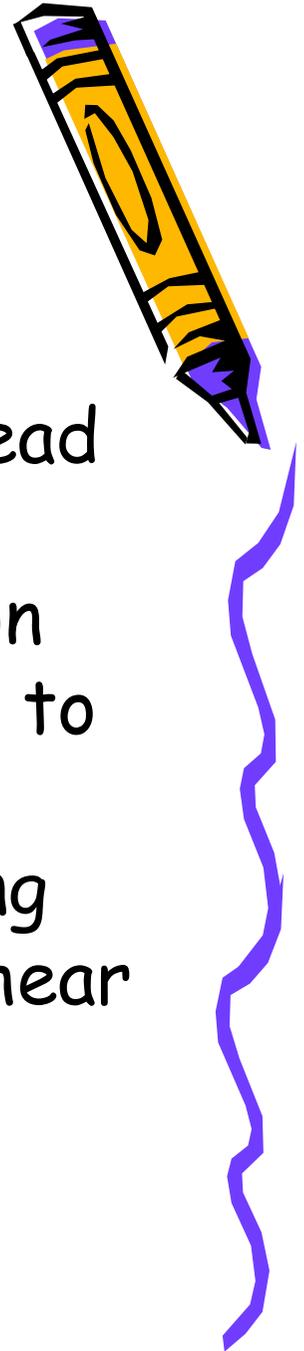
Reread

- Encourage your child to reread favorite books, and make it fun!
- Repeated readings improve children's fluency and comprehension. They also provide opportunities to practice reading with expression.



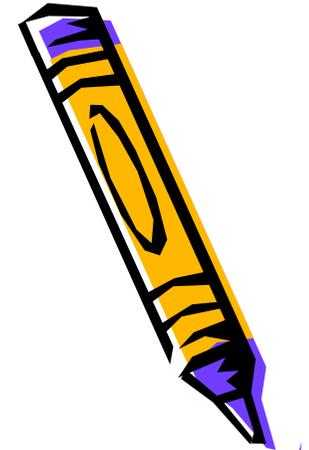
Read to Your Kids Every Day

- Model your own fluent reading as you read and reread books with your child. Even though your child may be able to read on her own, continue to find time each day to read books to her that are just beyond her reading level. She will enjoy listening to more advanced stories, and she will hear a great example of fluent reading.





Be Your Child's Cheerleader!



- Always praise your child. Praise what he or she reads correctly, and praise good tries too!
- "WOW!" You were able to stretch out that word."
- "I like the way you took time to think about the word, connecting it to what's happening in the picture!"
- "Great job figuring out that word. That's what good readers do!"
- Give your child lots of chances to read the story again and again. This is the key to successful reading. It is called fluency. The more your child reads, the more confident he or she will become.

