

# Read Together



## Instructions for Read Together Student Read Aloud

Having your student read out loud to you is the single most important element to boosting reading ability. It also builds comprehension, enhances their decoding skills, and deepens your relationship.

### Time

At least 10 minutes

### Before Reading

- Determine your student's reading level by using the Word Challenge Reading Assessment tool. (found in the Read Together resource section). You may also want to talk with his teacher or start one or two grade levels below his current level.
- Select a book or short story from the student read aloud book list (also found in the resource section).
- Determine whether you'll have your student read a new text or re-read a familiar text.

### During Reading

- Draw attention to errors and when your student encounters a mistake; encourage her to try again.
- Typical decoding errors include:
  - Pausing or stopping
  - Trying a sound, sound approach
  - Inserting a wrong word
  - Misidentifying a vowel sound or not attempting the sound
- Help your student blend sounds.
- Identify just one sound to focus on.
- Cover word chunks with a 3 x 5 card to break a word down into smaller pieces.

### After Reading

- Encourage your student to summarize what she read!
- Ask questions about the story or the characters to help build comprehension skills.

Enjoy your time reading together! Be sure to keep things fun. If you ever get frustrated, don't worry. We offer some tips and tricks for increasing engagement in our resource center.