Reading with your child is a wonderful experience. Here are some tips to get the most out of your time together.

**BEFORE READING**
- Look at the title. Ask: “What do you think the story will be about?”
- Take a book walk. Look at the illustrations. Check their predictions.
  - Find difficult words. Discuss them.
  - Set a purpose for reading. “We are reading to find out…”

**DURING READING**
- Read the book. (You can read aloud; you can read a page, your child reads the next, etc.; or, your child may read to you.)
  - Discuss the plot and characters.
- Figure out difficult words by looking at the pictures, sounds, or words surrounding the difficult word.
  - Reread the story.

**AFTER READING**
- Discuss the book. Talk about the characters, any problems and solutions, the main idea, etc.
- Retell the story and check predictions (Was your child correct in what they thought the story would be about?).
- Respond to the story by talking about your child’s favorite parts.