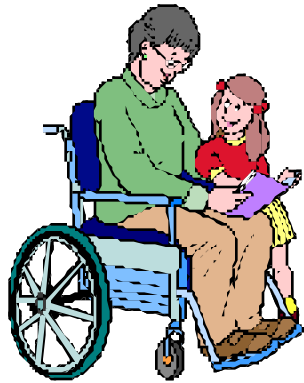
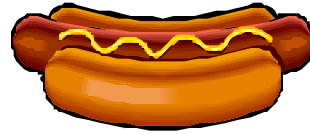


Greetings,

This is the last of a series of bulletins for parents of early readers. This series has given you tips on reading to your child. The bulletins have also included fun activities to try at home. Each activity was based on a Dr. Seuss book. This last bulletin will suggest ways to help kids learn to read on their own. It will also give you some ideas about other books to read with your children.



- Ask your child to repeat a line of a book after you've read it. Rhyming books are great to try at first. They are easier to remember and repeat. If your child has a hard time with this, try saying the words together.



- Play the "hotdog" game. Replace words in a book with the word "hotdog." For example, "Once upon a time there were three bears who all lived together in a hotdog." Your kids will probably jump in to correct you. Kids will enjoy playing this silly game. This game also helps children to connect the words you're saying out loud with the words on the page.



- When your children start to sound out words for themselves, take turns reading a book. Say, "You read the first word, and then I'll read the rest of the page, ok?"



- Read the name of the author and illustrator when you begin a book. As children learn authors' names, they will look for other books by those authors.



Even after your kids have learned to read, don't stop reading to them! Reading together can help young readers improve their reading and writing skills. After you have read all the Dr. Seuss books, go to the library and try some of these other books for beginning readers:

- Books by Eric Carle are a good start for early readers. Your children will enjoy the fun pictures in these books.
- Follow the adventures of Brother and Sister Bear in *The Berenstain Bears* series by Stan and Jan Berenstain.
- Russell Hoban writes the *Frances* series. This is a wonderful series of books about a young girl badger named Frances.
- Marjorie Weinman Sharmat writes the *Nate the Great* books. Each book tells a story about a boy detective and his dog named Sludge.

Keep reading! Enjoy this special time you and your child share together!



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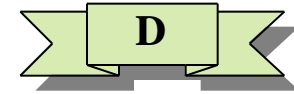
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