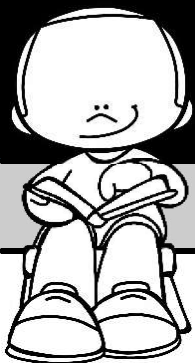
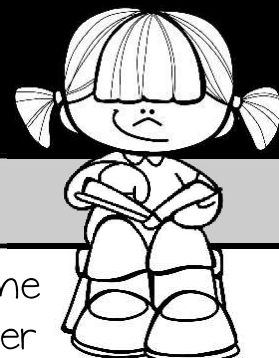


How to make Familiar Reading fun!



1 Adult Peek / Overview

Take a sneak peek through the pages ahead of time so you know what the story is about, the character names and tricky vocabulary. These are great for 'activating prior knowledge'.



2 Walk through the cover & pictures

Look at the cover of the book, pictures on each page in order, and discuss them. "Who is this?", "What is happening here?", "Where will they go?" are all questions that encourage discussion. Doing so will reinforce the vocabulary and understanding before any attempts at solving unknown words are made (or, a simple, "I wonder what's happening here." may be all you need to say!)

3 Take turns reading (parts, pages, stories)

Taking turns reading little books, doing character voices and / or alternating pages model how reading can sound and allows more material to be covered in less time. Experienced readers bring characters to life with exaggerated voices, sound effects and expression. Both partners can be listening to ensure that the other's reading makes sense. (Try throwing in something into a story that doesn't make sense once in a while: *The cow said 'meow'.*) What?

4 Short, wiggly, positive 10-20 minutes max!

When reading time is kept to 10 to 20 minutes at a time (or less, if body language dictates!), and is known to be a warm, positive, flexible, even wiggly time, the higher the likelihood that your little reader will be a **LIFER!**

5 Get caught bragging!

Tell everyone you know how fun it was to read with this little person and find something to praise (in earshot). Repeat daily. **Supplement with storytime!**