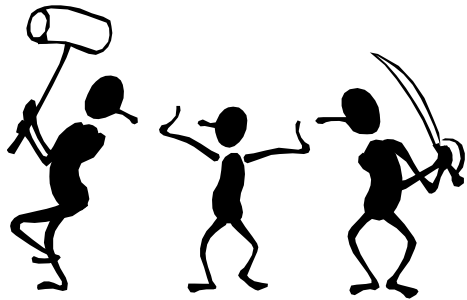




But what if I feel anxious?



- Telephone or go to the school to make an appointment to talk to your child's teacher.
- PLEASE don't talk in front of children! Be aware of their loyalties-they love and want to please their parents, they love and want to please their teachers. Children can't cope with "TENSION" between them.



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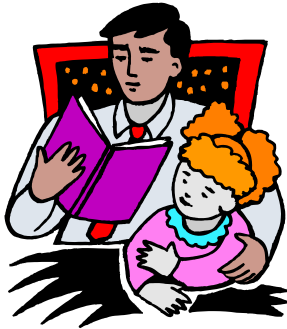
Helping our children to become readers

A booklet for Parents



.....and then?

Cuddle up and read stories.
Look at pictures TALK about them.



Go to the local library with children, choose books together
ask your librarian to help.



Very young children love rhythm and repetition,
they love to join in.
Praise them.



Is the really reading?



Is it just Pretending or making it up?
WAIT!

Our children are trying to make sense of it-our children are
beginning to read.



Help them by pointing to the words from left to right, let
them turn the pages.
They'll see that words have a meaning-stories are FUN.



What next?

TALK at home about everyday things, even the housework is interesting to a toddler.
Answer Questions.



Play -
Have fun and enjoy talking.
Look at books and LISTEN to stories together.

Talk in the Garage or workshop. Go for walks,
TALK about it all!
The colours, the smells, the words that you see Encourage questions.

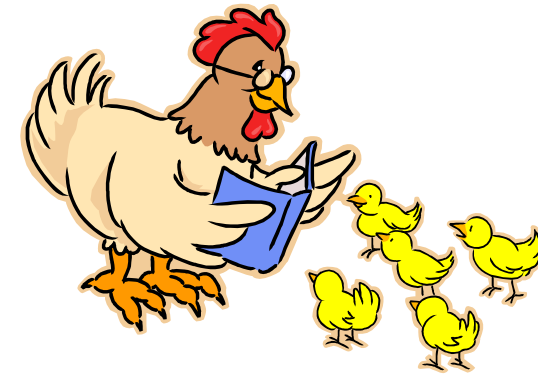


Make shopping a happy time, Try not to be in such a hurry.
Enjoy conversations with your child. This is the foundation of READING.



Are they at school now?

They certainly are and this is where our reading PARNERHSIP begins.
We can all help our children to become readers and to ENJOY it.



HOW CAN WE HELP?

1. Continue to SHARE books. Talk to them. ENJOY STORIES.
2. Praise all efforts to read no matter how humble.
3. Read with the child, fill in the hard words keep the flow.
4. Take away all pressure, tension and competition.
5. Allow plenty of time.
6. Don't get anxious-or-angry.



Now I understand



This day to day contact can ease anxieties on both sides.

Books to help you:

- Learning to read - Margaret Meek
Pub. Bodley Head
- Babies need books - Dorothy Butler
Pub. Penguin
- Reading books at home - Dorothy Butler
Pub. Heinmann
- Getting ready for school- Margaret Basham
Pub. Longman



Where do we begin?



From the beginning we love them and care for them, cuddle and TALK to them.



Play, sing, say NURSERY RHYMES.
Have fun and share stories.