



# Purposeful Ongoing Play

## Enhancing Language Skills Through Play

### Parent Tip Sheet (P.O.P. Sheet) on... Reading Storybooks

- \* Find storybooks that match your child's interests and that have engaging and colorful pictures.
- \* Don't worry about reading all of the words at first. Flip through the pages looking at the pictures and talking about what you see together.
- \* When reading the story, emphasize important words, especially any vocabulary that might be new to your child.
- \* Read with enthusiasm, raising and lowering your voice as appropriate and making the sounds or noises that relate to the story.
- \* During or after the story reading, ask simple questions about the story to check for understanding, questions relating to who, where, when, what, and how.
- \* After reading the story, do a simple activity related to the story. For example, if the main character of the story is a frog, find a frog-related coloring page or craft to do together. There are many wonderful websites that provide free templates for coloring and crafts.
- \* If the pictures and/or story relate to something your child has done recently, talk about that experience together. What was their favorite thing about that experience?
- \* If the story relates to another book you've read together recently, compare stories, talking about how they're the same or different.
- \* Read the same story several times together. Repetition is very important in the learning process! For fun, use a puppet to tell the story once.
- \* Once the child is familiar with the story, have *them* tell you the story as you flip through the pages.
- \* Enjoy reading and read often!



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