

## **STRATEGIES FOR IMPROVING READING COMPREHENSION**

The following are strategies you can use to help improve your child's reading comprehension.

### **Preview Difficult Words**

Talk about and go over the definition of words that you think your child might have trouble with. If your child does not understand what the words mean, it will interfere with his/her reading comprehension. Previewing difficult words also increases your child's vocabulary.

### **Have your child read to you out loud.**

Reading out loud causes your child to slow down and process what he/she is reading. Also, your child is not only seeing the words, but also hearing them. This will in turn improve comprehension.

### **Read to your child out loud**

When you read to your child out loud, your child is listening closely to your words and is focused on what you are saying.

### **Ask your child questions**

Asking your child questions when you read to him/her helps improve reading comprehension. Asking questions before, during, and after reading encourages comprehension.

## **Read books that are not too hard**

If your child has to consistently stop and try to figure out the words, it becomes difficult for your child to focus on the overall meaning of the story.

## **Reread the Stories**

Rereading builds fluency and that in turn improves reading comprehension because the child is reading smoothly and quickly.

## **Discuss what is being Read**

Talking about what is read helps your child to process it and remember what is being read.