



## WORK ON SPEECH AND LANGUAGE WHILE READING

Research shows that reading with your child approximately 20 minutes a day helps with language, social, and emotional development. While reading, you can also work on those speech and language targets your child is working on at school.

### ARTICULATION

- Select words containing your child's speech sound targets and practice saying them together.
- Have your child identify words with his/her speech sounds in them and listen as they are practiced.
- Listen for your child's speech sounds at reading level while he/she reads aloud to you.
- Have your child summarize the story and listen for speech sounds at conversation level.

### LANGUAGE

- Select an item/image from the story and work with your child to describe it (e.g., color, size, function, category).
- Name the category that an item/image belongs to and have your child name other items from that category.
- Have your child identify words he/she does not understand and explain the meaning to your child.
- Have your child summarize what was read and identify any incorrect grammar use while he/she speaks.
- Ask your child WH questions (i.e., what, who, where, when, why) about the story.
- Choose words from the story and identify synonyms and antonyms together.

### FLUENCY

- Read aloud to your child, modeling slow rate.
- Have your child read the story aloud, using his/her fluency strategies.
- Providing uninterrupted time, have your child summarize the story with focus on using his/her fluency strategies.
- Read stories about individuals who stutter to help your child understand his/her feelings about stuttering.



### PRAGMATICS

- Choose social stories or stories with lessons (e.g., stories about making friends or changes to schedules) to read together with your child.
- Discuss the feelings of characters in stories and why characters should or shouldn't take certain actions.
- Choose difficult social situations of characters and problem-solve the situation with your child.
- Have your child predict outcomes of stories before reaching the ending.