**HOW PARENTS CAN HELP WITH READING**

As your child’s reading ability is growing, sometimes he/she

gets stuck on a word. There are ways that you can help

without telling them the word or asking them to sound it out.

**Below are some strategies to use when your child gets stuck.**

1. Use picture clues.

2. Think! What word would make sense? Everything you read, just like everything you say should make sense. If it sounds funny, you probably read the wrong word.

3. Confirm your guess with a printed word. Does your guess start with the same letter as you see printed in the book? Look at the beginning and ending sounds.

4. Skip the word you are stuck on and read the rest of the sentence. What word would make sense?

5. Cover up the word ending.

6. Look for word families (cat, hat, mat) or look for a little word in the larger word if you are stuck.

**THE MOST IMPORTANT THING YOU CAN DO IS TO SPEND TIME WITH YOUR CHILD READING TO THEM AND HAVING THEM READ TO YOU.**

**Here is a great website you and your child can use to reinforce reading skills:**

[**http://www.starfall.com**](http://www.starfall.com/)