## When I Read to You

Reading to your child can be a special time to spend together. Here are tips for reading out loud to a child:

- **Read to your child every day.**
- **Read about things your child is interested in and enjoys.**
- **Read at the same pace that you talk.**
- **Read with expression. Give different characters different voices. Change your voice to match how the character in the book feels.**
- **Reread books your child enjoys.**
- **Explain some words that your child may not understand.**
- **Read different types of things like poems, books that tell a story, and informational books (for example, factual books about volcanoes, weather, or animals).**
- **Read books that are too difficult for your child to read on his/her own.**

## When You Read to Me

Listening to your child read out loud can help him/her read words correctly and quickly. Here are tips for when your child reads out loud to you:

- **Select books that are**
  - **Interesting to your child.**
  - Not too easy or too hard.
  - Linked to your child’s experiences or concerns.
  - Recommended by your child’s teacher.
- **Have your child point to the words while reading.**
- **When a mistake is made, reread the sentence with the mistake and ask, “Does that make sense?”**
- **When your child cannot read a word, use these tips in this order until he/she reads the word:**
  - Say each sound in this word and then put the sounds together.
  - What is the first sound? Next sound? Next sound? Can you put the sounds together to read the word?
  - Let’s say each sound together and then read the word.
  - I’ll say each sound in the word and then read it. Then you try.
  - This word is ____. What is this word? Read this sentence again.