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PAIRED READING TIP SHEET:
ACTIVITIES TO TRY WHEN READING WITH YOUR CHILD

BEFORE reading the story...

- Have your child show you where the front and back of the book are.
- Talk about the illustrations. Find out why your child chose the book. Ask what he or she thinks the book is about.
- Preview or "picture walk" through the story; have your child **predict** what is going to happen.

During the story...

- Point to the words as you read. Remind your child that each word you say goes with the word on the page.
- Ask your child to point out words he or she knows in the story. Say "You know the word_____. Can you find it on this page?"
- Ask your child if what you have read makes sense. Say "Does that look like the word I am saying?"
- See if your child can show you capital letters.
- Ask if your child knows what periods, question marks, and exclamation points mean.

AFTER the story...

- Find out what your child thought about the story. Which character was his or her favorite? Did he or she like the ending?
- Did your child's predictions match the actual story?
- Go back through the book and see if your child can point to **keywords** used in the story.
- Ask your child if he or she learned any new words.
- Have your child point to a certain letter or a sound it makes.
- Ask your child to **retell** the story to you using the pictures and to "reread" the book to you. It's okay if he or she has memorized the book. That is the first step in learning lots of words.

Remember! The most important part of reading together is reading together!

- Share reading with your child everyday.
- Make reading a fun experience for both of you.
- Let your child know that you are proud of his or her reading.
- Praise your child's efforts and successes.