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Dear Parents,

Thank you so much for all the help that you are offering your children with learning to be great readers. I enjoyed meeting many of you at the recent first grade parent meetings. Here is a brief review of some of the things you can do to help at home. These tips will help habitualize the skills your child is learning.

Things that you can do to help at home:

1. Read TO your child every day. This can be ANY book of interest.
2. Let your child read to YOU every day. Watch him or her as he/she reads. Book choices for these books should be familiar books. These are books that have been read before and can be read at about 95% accuracy or above. Encourage pointing with finger to keep place as well as making the first sound of an unfamiliar word.
3. Encourage your child to use picture clues at "the tricky parts". Don't worry that they are not reading because they're looking at the pictures. They still need to use the print to determine if the word is alligator or crocodile, kitten or cat, etc...



Crocodile

4. Enjoy the reading time you have. Make it fun. Use funny voices or act it out. If it becomes frustrating, put down the book and send a note. My goal is to develop a love of books and reading in the children with whom I work. *Together We Can!*

Remember to look at helpful links that are posted under **Reading** on the Primary School website <http://www.am.dodea.edu/rucker/Primary/index.htm>

Thank you so much for helping. As always, let me know if you have concerns,

