



Grade 1 Reading Unit 1 - Launch

Welcome to Grade 1 Reading! In this unit, your child will learn the expectations and routines for reading at school. Your child will practice strategies and learn procedures as he or she develops the habits of a highly effective reader. Please ensure that your child is reading at home, and support them by using some of the suggested strategies and questions.

The skills your child will develop in this unit are:

- Choosing just right books of interest, as well as book handling procedures
- Having conversations with a partner
- Building skills to become a stronger reader, such as rereading or employing strategies to stay focused during independent reading
- Taking a picture walk to build ideas about the story
- Using tricky word strategies- looking at pictures to build meaning, getting your mouth ready, and looking for chunks within words
- Monitoring reading by asking themselves, “Does it look right, sound right, and make sense?”
- Discussing big thoughts

Questions to ask as your child is reading at home:

- How do you know your just right book is good for you?
- What are you working on right now as a reader?
- What is your opinion of your just right book? Why?
- What strategies can you use if you get distracted while reading?
- What strategies can you use to understand the text?
- What strategies can you use when you come to a tricky word?
- How have you grown so far as a reader?

In this unit your child will enjoy a variety of series books such as:

- Clifford
- Arthur
- Curious George
- Biscuit

Reading each night with your child is crucial to his or her growth and engagement as a reader. Ask your child about his or her reading routines at school, help them find a quiet and cozy spot to read each night, and begin choosing just right books that you and your child can read each night together. Ask questions, discuss the book, and set goals for reading!