“Read On Activities”
For Beginning Readers & Readers

Reading Activities for all ages...

Over and Over Again
(for young children)

- Pick a story or poem that repeats phrases.
  "Assign" your child a phrase to repeat each time you read a new part of the story.

Read a short portion of the story or poem, then stop and let your child repeat the phrase.

- Encourage your child to act out the story.

For example, with the story of the

"Three Little Pigs:"

Wolf (parent): Little pig, little pig, Let me come in.

Little Pig (child): Not by the hair on my chinny-chin-chin!

Wolf (parent): Then I'll huff and I'll puff, and I'll blow your house in!

Make Sense of Sounds
(for beginning readers)

- Look for poems or tongue twisters that repeat sounds and letters.

Point out the repeated sounds and letters. Explain that they often make the same sound whenever you see them with other letters on the page. For example:

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School Readiness

There once was a f-a-t c-a-t
named M-a-tt.....

A-nd a bl-a-ck c-a-t who h-a-d a
big b-a-t.

The r-a-t put a t-a-ck
When the c-a-t turned his b-a-ck

On the m-a-t where the bl-a-ck c-a-t s-a-t.

A b-ig b-lue b-arrel of b-ig b-lue
b-lueberries.

Does thi-s s-hop s-ell s-ocks with s-pots?

Read Together
(for more advanced readers)

Ask your child to read to you.
Take turns. You read a paragraph
and your child can read the next
one, or take turns reading full
pages one after the other. Keep
in mind that your child may be
concentrating on how to read, and your
reading helps to keep the story alive.

If your child has trouble reading
words, you can help in several ways:

• have your child skip over
  the word,
  read the rest of the sentence, and ask
  what word would make sense in the
  story;

• have your child use
  what is known about letters and the
  sounds they make to "sound out" the
  word; or supply the word and keep
  reading:

Enjoyment is the main goal!

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The Center for Parent Involvement (FCPI) was funded by the U.S. Department of Education; Goals 2000, Educate America Act from 1994-1999. Guided by an advisory board of parents and professionals, the FCPI’s goal was to tap the power of parents.

The FCPI gathered information on parent needs, coordinated the information, and created a series of resources organized by theme, including fact sheets for parents and professionals, “Beyond the Basics” resources, and resource identification lists. Many of the resources have been translated into Spanish language versions, and every effort has been made to preserve the meaning and flavor of the original English documents. This series of materials provides a wealth of current information for both parents and providers; the complete set of resources can be obtained in PDF format on the Department of Child and Family Studies Website at www.fmhi.usf.edu/cfs/dares/fcpi. The staff of the FCPI are hopeful that their work will continue to help children get ready to learn for many years to come.

The series’ themes include:
- Family Empowerment
- Parent Involvement
- Parenting Support
- School Readiness
- Violence in the Lives of Children
- Transition to Kindergarten

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School Readiness Series, Beyond the Basics: Read on Activities.

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