



## *Read Aloud To Your Student*

**It's the most important 20 minutes of your day!**

### **Tools for Parents**

- **Accuracy** refers to a student's ability to read words without errors. A student who reads with accuracy generally demonstrates these skills:
  - Sounds out words
  - Breaks the word into parts
  - Looks for familiar parts of the word
  - Blends the letter sounds
  - Skips the word and comes back to it
  - Asks someone for assistance
- A student reads fluently when his/her reading voice sounds like talking. **Fluency** is a combination of speed and accuracy. It comes with an increasing ability to identify words automatically. Fluency improves with practice and is measured by errors made during a timed reading session.
- Students read with **comprehension** when they can understand the intended meaning of the text. Test of comprehension becomes one of the primary sub-test of reading ability by second grade. Students skills involve the following:
  - Use of memory and vocabulary
  - Knowledge about a topic
  - Knowledge of how sentences are put together
  - Knowledge of how to extract meaning from a sentence
  - Use of decoding skills



## **Recommended Books**

### **Kindergarten**

- *Kindergarten ABC* by Jacqueline Rogers
- *Is Your Mama a Llama?* by Deborah Guarnio
- *Caps for Sale* by Esphyr Slobodkina
- *Corduroy* by Don Freeman
- *Miss Bindergarten Gets Ready for Kindergarten* by Joseph Slate

### **First Grade**

- *Amanda Pig, First Grader* by Jean Van Leeuwen
- *Fancy Nancy at the Museum* by Jane O'Connor
- *Everybody Cooks Rice* by Norah Dooley
- *Where The Wild Things Are* by Maurice Sendak
- *Junie B., First Grader (at last!)* by Barbara Park

### **Second Grade**

- *Frederick* by Leo Lionni
- *The Best Chef in Second Grade* by Katharine Kenah
- *Bony-Legs* by Joanna Cole
- *Where is Cuddly Cat?* by June Woodman
- *Freckle Juice* by Judy Blume

### **Third Grade**

- *The Fantastic Mr. Fox* by Ronald Dahl
- *The Boxcar Children* by Gertrude Chandler Warner
- *There's A Boy In The Girl's Bathroom* by Louis Sachar
- *Ramona Quimby, Age 8* by Beverly Cleary
- *Welcome to Third Grade* by Jacklyn Williams