READING GUIDE FOR PARENTS – When your child can read.

Dear parents!

Your effort is crucial for your child's development of reading skills. You should therefore use fifteen minutes each day on reading. Below you will find some tips and advice on how you can support your child on developing reading skills.

1. Choose the right time to read!

Find a time that suits both you and your child. Do not wait too long into the evening before you start reading. Your child may be tired after a long day. The goal is to have fun while reading.

2. The pictures and title are important!

Study the front page of the book together. What do you think the text is about? Browse through the book and look at all the pictures. Talk together about the pictures. By doing this your child will have an idea what the text is about.

3. Let your child read on their own for 15 minutes!

Find a place your child can read, free from TV, Radio, PC's or other disruptive things.

4. Let your child read some of the text out loud.

Ask your child to read some of the text for you. This will help your child to be more comfortable when reading out loud, and they will practice their pronunciation and tone. Focus on pauses at punctuation and comma, and tone at exclamation- and question marks.

5. Talk about what you have read.

Allow your child to tell you what they have read about. Help the by asking questions.

6. Talk together about the meaning of words.

To be able to explain the meaning of words is good exercise. Explain what you think some of the words mean. Use simple and everyday words when explaining. Ask your child to find words in the text which they can explain to you.

7. Talk about words that are difficult to read.

If your child has difficulties finding words, that are challenging to read. Ask it questions such as: "I saw you pause a bit at that word. Can you try to read that word again?"



