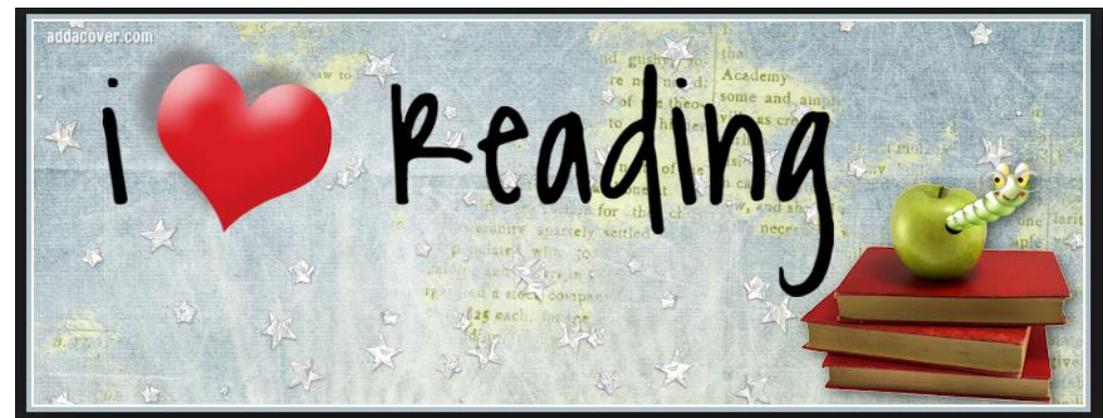


# I am becoming a reader..

- ✓ I hold the book the right way round
- ✓ I turn the pages carefully
- ✓ I read from the front cover to the back cover
- ✓ I understand that the printed words have meaning
- ✓ I trace my fingers over the words - top to bottom, left to right
- ✓ I talk about the pictures in the book
- ✓ I give my own meaning to signs or logos I see around me



## General tips to support reading

**Once is never enough!** - Encourage your child to re-read favorite books and poems as well as their school reading scheme book. Re-reading helps children read more quickly and accurately.

**Dig deeper into the story** - Ask your child questions about the story you've just read. Say something like, "Why do you think he did that?" (you could use the 'questions to get more from your child's reading book' for some varied ideas.

**Take control of the television** - It's difficult for reading to compete with TV and video games. Encourage reading as a distraction free activity.

**Be patient** - When your child is trying to sound out an unfamiliar word, give him or her time to do so. Remind to child to look closely at the first letter or letters of the word.

**Pick books that are at the right level** - Help your child pick books that are not too difficult. The aim is to give your child lots of successful reading experiences.

**I read to you, you read to me** - Take turns reading aloud at bedtime. Kids enjoy this special time with their parents.

**One more time with feeling** - When your child has sounded out an unfamiliar word, have him or her re-read that sentence. Often kids are so busy figuring out a word they lose the meaning of what they've just read.

