

Dear Parents,

Your child is bringing home a favorite **Elephant and Piggie** book (which may be above their reading level)! This book is for you and your child to enjoy together. Depending on your child's interest, consider these enjoyable ways to read the book:

- **Read the book with your child** and invite him or her to chime in on familiar words and phrases.
- **Echo Reading:** You read one page and let your child reread the page.
- **Taking Turns:** You read a sentence and then let your child read the next one.
- **Listen to your child read the whole book.** Encourage their efforts.

Remind your child to track the words with their finger. (That is what good beginning readers do!)

Another helpful technique is to read and track the words together in a relaxed setting using the Neurological Impress Method. (See enclosed article.)

Some books are so much fun we enjoy reading them and studying the pictures over and over again. This is one way we develop a love of reading; books become our best friends. You can probably remember those special books from childhood that you wanted to hear again and again.

As your child gains confidence, let them practice reading to any appreciative listener - even the cat or dog or favorite stuffed animal! Please put your initials under the title of each book after your child has read it with you. Encourage your child to enjoy reading it to at least three different listeners. We always say, "The more you read, the better you read... so read, read, read!"

Please feel free to email me if you have any questions or comments.

Smiles!

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