

# The Paired Reading Approach.



A Simple Guide for Parents, Helping their Child with Reading.

At the first session begin with:

- Child and parent agree on regular reading times (Choose a quiet time)
- Child and parent agree on a starting signal to begin reading together

Remember to make the reading experience enjoyable and relaxed! Lots of praise for effort and success. Never criticise errors or difficulty.

Before Reading:

- Find a quiet place away from distractions
- For reading homework use book provided by the teacher
- For reading for pleasure Child may choose reading material and change it at any time

Reading in Duet:

- Always begin by reading together
- If the child makes a mistake, give him/her the correct word and let him/her repeat it
- Keep the story going and don't tell him/her off for making a mistake.

### Child Reading Solo:

- Child and parent agree on a solo reading signal
- Parent praises the child when the signal is used
- Parent continues to offer support and praise during the solo reading, again giving the correct word and allowing the child to repeat
- Return to duet reading when the child asks for this

### After Reading:

- Finish on a happy positive note referring to how well your child has read and how enjoyable that was.