READING TECHNIQUES

Have your child read 10-20 minutes each day. Set aside a specific time for reading. Try these different techniques for variety.

Paired Reading

You and your child orally read a story together. Let your fingers glide under the words as you read them.

Echo Reading

You read each sentence or phrase first. Your child reads each sentence or phrase after you.

Sharing Reading

You and your child take turns reading every other paragraph.

Sustained Silent Reading

- Set aside a time for daily reading. Example: from 7:00 p.m. to 7:15 p.m.
- Everyone in the family reads a book, magazine, or a newspaper.
- At the end of the 15 minutes, each member discusses what was read with the family.

Language Experience

This is a good technique to use after a family trip, after your child has drawn a picture, or after daily experiences.

- Ask your child to tell you about the trip or other experience.
- Write down the experience as your child tells it to you.
- After you have written the experience, have your child read it to you.

These stories can be kept in a folder, which can be decorated by your child. At the end of summer vacation, your child will have a "book" of summer experience stories, which can be read again and again.

