



A Guide for Parents and Children in Reading Coaching



What is Reading Coaching?

Reading Coaching is a highly effective short-term intervention of one-to-one tutoring.

Each day your child will receive a 30 minute lesson that is tailored to his/her reading and writing needs. Reading Coaching is used as a supplement to good classroom teaching.

In Reading Coaching sessions, individual students receive a half-hour lesson each school day for 12 to 20 weeks with a specially trained teacher. Instruction is provided until the child is reading at the average of his or her class **and** has acquired independent reading and writing strategies.

Each lesson consists of:

- Reading several familiar stories
- Reading a story that was read for the first time the day before
- Working with letters and/or words using magnetic letters
- Writing a story
- Assembling a cut-up story
- Reading a new book

Listening to Your Child Read

Each day after school, your child will bring home several books that have been read during Reading Coaching. Please take the time to listen to your child read these books to you.



If I need help when I am reading this is how you can help me:

- 1. Give me time to think.**
- 2. Remind me to check the picture and think about the story.**
- 3. Encourage me to go back and read again.**
- 4. Help me think about the story**
- 5. Ask me to start a tricky word with the first sounds that I see.**
- 6. Help me find a part of the word I might know.**

Writing With Your Child

In Reading Coaching your child is learning that we can write down what we say and what we are thinking about. In every lesson your child uses what he/she knows about sounds, letters, and how our language is put together to write meaningful stories.

Parent Tips:

- Children will begin to use different combinations of letters to represent words as they become better and better at hearing individual sounds in words.
- As children become more comfortable with writing, they begin to use conventional or standard spelling patterns.
- One way to know a word very well is to be able to write it.
- Make writing at home fun by providing your child with paper, pencils, pens, markers, crayons and an excited and accepting audience- YOU!

Parent Involvement

Parent involvement adds to your child's success. Nightly homework consists of:

- **Listening** to your child read the books he/she brings home daily.
- **Supervising** while your child puts together his/her cut up sentence.
- **Communicating** with your child's teachers if you have questions or concerns

Reading to Your Child

Reading to your child is one of the best ways you can help your child learn to read.

- Reading to your child enriches language development by giving them many opportunities to hear stories that they may not yet be able to read for themselves.
- Reading a story that has parts your child can read with you encourages a love and enthusiasm for reading.
- Read to your child everyday if possible.

The Reading Coaching Lesson

Reading several familiar stories

- Helps the child to understand stories and encourages fluent, effortless reading.
- Encourages confidence and promotes independence while reading.

Reading a story that was read once the day before

- Allows the teacher to observe the child's strengths as well as confusions in reading.
- Helps the teacher check on a child's progress and plan instruction.

Letter Identification and Word Work

- Helps the child learn fast recognition of letters.
- Helps the child learn how to get to new words from known words.
- Helps the child build an understanding of the process of word construction that they can then use while reading and writing.

Writing a sentence or short story

- Encourages the child to use sound and letter relationships to write words and to write known words quickly.
- Helps the child learn to read and write using his/her own natural language patterns.
- Helps the child learn punctuation, and sequencing.

Reading a new book that is read independently the next day

- Encourages the child to use previously learned strategies while reading.
- Promotes independent problem solving.