



**Confident Learners**

## Reading for 15 minutes a day makes a difference!

*The ability to read is essential for children's success at school and their long-term health and well-being. You can help your child become a successful reader by reading together for 15 minutes a day. While reading with your child, consider our suggested tips and questions below.*

### *Encourage your child to read about their interests*

- Encourage your child to read anything with written text. Try reading a magazine, a newspaper, a poster, or a flyer together.
- Select reading material that includes characters, themes, or pictures your child likes.
- Encourage your child to choose books or other reading materials to read together.
- Ask your child questions about the story and pictures in the book.
- Make reading together a part of your daily routine.
- While reading together, if your child loses interest in the book try again later or read a different book.

### *Ask your child questions while reading together*

*Here a few examples of different questions you can ask your child.*

- While reading the book, pause and ask "What do you think will happen next? Why?"
- Did you enjoy the book? What did you like (or dislike) about the book?
- Are there people in the story? Who are they?
- How do you think the people are feeling? How do you know?
- Does this magazine, newspaper or poster remind you of anything else you saw, heard or read?
- Retell what happens at the beginning, middle, and end of the story.