Ways a Parent Can Help a Child learn to read

1. Let your child see you reading!
   - Have magazines and books in your home.

2. Look for appropriate word and reading games online to play with your child.
   - Ask your child to draw a picture or write about what happens in a story.
   - Keep paper, notebooks, pencils, pens, markers and crayons available in your house.

3. Set aside a time and place for reading - like a comfy chair with a reading light for bedtime stories.

4. Visit your public library regularly.
   - Find and read together the books that were your favorites when you were a kid.

5. Enjoy reading with your child.
   - Laugh at silly pictures. Make goofy voices. Have fun!

6. Make a game out of finding words that rhyme or that start with the same sound.
   - After you finish reading a story, look back at a page and ask your child to find common words.
   - “Can you find the word ___?”
   - Use words like: the, me, up, and, go, run, can, to, stop

7. Teach your child to recognize his or her own name.

Read out loud to your child - books, poems, nursery rhymes, recipes, billboards, newspaper articles, ads, signs - whatever words you see!