

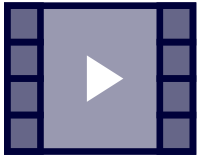
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## RECOMMENDATION 4: FLUENCY AND COMPREHENSION

### How-to Step 3: Oral Reading Practice

The encouragement and support children receive as they read out loud will help them become more fluent and confident readers. Be patient as children read out loud and remind them often of how proud you are of them for practicing reading. *Model at least one example of echo reading and one example of reading together. Include family members in the model, either the whole family or members who volunteer.*

Suggested books to share as you echo read and read together are also included. *Add appropriate books that families can borrow from your classroom library, the school library, the public library, or any other appropriate source.*



## Family Literacy Videos

Let's watch a family engaged in **Echo Reading**. Review key points before or after the video. Answer family questions about the video.

### 4.3 Echo Reading (*Sheep in a Jeep*) (2:54)

#### Key Points About the Video

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- Mom reads at a conversational pace and with expression to model fluent reading.
- Mom encourages her son to point to the words as he reads and reviews words (**leap, tug, shrug, heap**) to make sure he understands what they are reading.
- Mom tells her son she is proud of him for practicing reading.

Here is a video of a family **Reading Together**. Review key points before or after the video. Answer family questions about the video.

### 4.3 Reading Together (*The Pout-Pout Fish*) (3:13)

#### Key Points About the Video

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- Mom points to the words as she and her son read together.
- Mom asks about and explains important words (**pout, frown, glum**) to build her son's vocabulary and make sure her son understands what they are reading.
- Mom offers positive support by having fun with the book and telling her son he did a good job reading.

Take the Family Activity home and have fun practicing reading out loud. As you read with your child, remember to be patient, as reading is a skill that takes a lot of practice. Tell your child how proud you are that he or she is practicing reading!