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#### RECOMMENDATION 4: ACCURACY, 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 learn to read 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 relevant source.*

*Answer questions about the Family Resource.*

Now, let's watch a mom and her son engage in **Echo Reading**. *Review key points before or after the video. Answer family questions about the video.*

### 4.3 Echo Reading (*Little Blue Truck*)


Key Points About the Video 

<https://youtu.be/vt1Twhs8KiA> (5:18)

- Mom reads with expression and encourages her son to point to the words as he reads.
- Mom reminds her son to read the words, not just repeat what she reads.
- When her son struggles with the word **dump**, Mom points to it and says the first sound, /d/.
- Mom explains that **honk** is said louder than the other words because the letters in the printed word are larger than the other words.

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

### 4.3 Reading Together (*Buzz Said the Bee*)

Key Points About the Video 

<https://youtu.be/KCFFqKA85tE> (2:21)

- Mom points to the words as she and her son read together.
- Mom slows the pace of reading a bit but reads as fluently as possible.
- Mom describes to her son the meaning of the important words **scat** and **weep**.

Take the Family Resource home and have fun practicing reading out loud. Tell your child how proud you are that he or she is practicing reading!