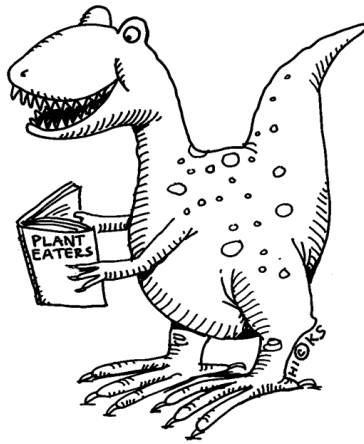




## Reading Support for Struggling Readers



Children who experience difficulty with reading, can become very frustrated and need to be supported in a loving and patient manner. Make reading an enjoyable activity that you do with your child. If you or your child feels frustrated, abandon the reading for that day, or come back to it later.

Before children even begin to learn to read, they have to be able to hear and manipulate the language. Recognizing and using individual sounds to create words is an integral part of learning to read. Orally play with rhyming words, even making 'nonsense' rhyming words. For example cookie, nookie, dookie, lookie, etc.

When reading with your child, you might want to try the following:

- choose a quiet and comfy spot
- read daily
- let your child read to you, and you read to your child
- praise your child for their attempts and accomplishments; we all feel good when someone tells us that we're doing a good job
- read favourite books over and over again
- stop and talk about the pictures and what's happening in the story
- talk about new words in the story
- listen to what your child has to say about their reading

