MISSOURI DEPARTMENT OF ELEMENTARY & SECONDARY EDUCATION

25 WAYS TO HELP WITH READING

1. reading is not "natural" but learned
2. children are individuals; don’t compare or rush
3. check eyes & ears (vision and hearing)
4. visit school
5. give praise for reading
6. read aloud every day
7. discuss what is read
8. have child read aloud to a parent
9. encourage writing
10. have child observe adults reading
11. give books as gifts
12. read together
13. limit and monitor television
14. set aside a regular time for family reading
15. provide a dictionary
16. visit the public library
17. develop a family library
18. encourage original stories
19. occasionally stay up later reading
20. have magazines and books everywhere
21. practice reading with a tape recorder

22. avoid baby talk

23. provide experiences (field trips, tours)

24. watch plays, movies or TV programs adopted from children's lit

25. have child retell favorite stories