

## ESSENTIAL LITERACY SKILLS

- ❑ Phonological Awareness
- ❑ Phonics
- ❑ Accuracy
- ❑ Oral Language
- ❑ Vocabulary
- ❑ Comprehension
- ❑ Fluency
- ❑ Motivation/Engagement



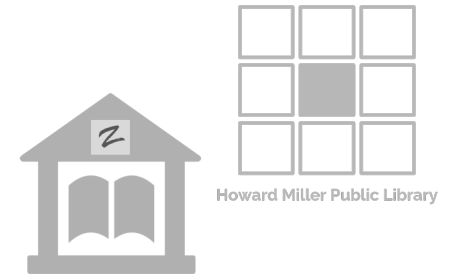
## A Message from the Director of the Howard Miller Library

"The love of reading is one of the best gifts you can give yourself and your child. It engages the mind and heart in ways no other activity can do as it invites imagination and curiosity to flourish. With the busyness of life, it can be difficult to find the time and the best way to encourage your child on his or her reading journey. The Howard Miller Library is excited to partner with Zeeland Public Schools in providing fun, innovative ways to make reading an integral part of your family's life. We hope to see you at the library soon!"

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## Read by Grade 3 At Home Reading Plan

A Collaboration between  
Zeeland Public Schools &  
Howard Miller Library



ZPS Read at Home Plan

## Fun on the Run: Reading Rocks!

The staff at Howard Miller Library have put together books, games and activities for each of the Essential Literacy Skills. "Fun on the Run: Reading Rocks" packs will be available for check out beginning April 1, 2019. These packs have been designed to develop literacy skills while having fun as a family!

**For more information, feel free to contact your building principal, reading specialist or intervention teacher. Additional questions may be directed to:**

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A GUIDE FOR PARENTS  
& FAMILIES

# TIPS FOR READING WITH YOUR CHILD AT HOME



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## Find times that work for your family to read EVERYDAY:

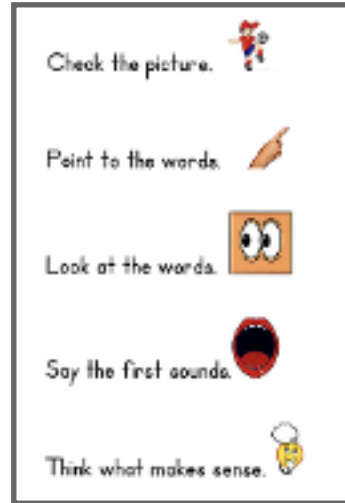
- 20 minutes is the ideal amount of time to spend reading each day.
- Bedtime isn't the only time to read...travel with books to maximize time spent riding in the car.
- Notice the print around you! Take time to read restaurant menus, road signs, advertisements, magazines, etc...
- It is important for your child to practice reading to you, but don't forget the value of reading TO your child. Listening to stories supports comprehension, fluency and enjoyment!



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## How to help if your child gets stuck on words:

To help your child improve reading **accuracy**, be patient! Resist the urge to tell your child an unknown word right away, rather, offer one of the following prompts:



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## How to help your child understand what s/he reads:

The best way to help your child with reading **comprehension** is to TALK about the text **before, during** and **after** reading:

- **BEFORE** - Look through the book together. Notice how it is organized. Make predictions about what might happen or what may be learned.
- **DURING** - Stop every few pages and ask your child to retell the most important parts of what was read. What might happen next? How does this connect to something you already know?
- **AFTER** - Did you confirm your predictions or were you surprised? Discuss the "Big Idea" or lesson of the story. Why do you think the author wrote this book?

## Quotable Quotes

Children are made readers on the laps of their parents.

— Emilie Buchwald

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## How to help your child read more fluently:

Reading with **fluency** brings the book to life and encourages deep understanding. Help your child understand that reading should sound like talking with appropriate pausing and expression. Try this:

- *Echo read with your child - you read a section of text, then have your child repeat.*
- *Reread familiar stories over and over again to practice fluent reading.*
- *Draw attention to punctuation. Demonstrate how your voice changes depending on the end mark.*
- *Play around with dialogue. If there are quotation marks in the story, practice reading with different voices and emotions.*

