READING WITH EMERGENT READERS

A 5 YEAR OLD...
- Recognizes letters and letter-sound correspondence.
- Recognizes that print is read left to right, top to bottom.
- Can retell simple stories.

A 6 YEAR OLD...
- Can read along with adults.
- Recognizes some sight words.
- Can "read" a favorite picture story from memory.

DID YOU KNOW?

WHAT CAN I DO?
- Read aloud with your child at least 30 minutes a day
- Have books ready and within reach
- Choose books with rhythm and repeated lines
- Vary books length and subject
- Choose books that have not been on TV to help keep interest

NEXT STEPS
- Set aside time each day to read and talk about stories together
- Visit the library or bookstore to pick out new books together
- The first time you read a new book, talk about the cover, "What do you think this book will be about?"