Cheat Sheet
For Reading with Your Child

1. Start Early! Begin reading when your baby is born or before.

2. Pick short books with many pictures for babies and young children.

3. If you don’t like to read, tell stories or have your child tell a story.

4. Pick books about your child’s favorite animal, TV show, toy, activity, movie, etc.

5. Pick a special time to read every day, such as bedtime, after supper, before bath, after nap time.

6. Use funny voices or act out the stories.

7. Have your child draw a picture about the story.

8. Give your child the book and have her “read” to you.

9. Keep reading to your child as they get older. Make it a special family tradition.