

## Possible Mini-lessons for Beginning Readers

- Reading must make sense.
- Making a picture in your head of what is happening can help you understand.
- Stories make sense. Something happens to someone and it works out.
- Stories have beginnings, middles, and ends.
- Stories can be realistic or they can be imagined.
- Skipping ahead and returning to hard words can help you figure them out.
- Rereading something can help you read better.
- If one thing is not working on a word, try something else.
- Words that have *-igh* in them sound like the /i/ in *Hi*. (Teach other common word patterns.) *-tion says shun*. (Teach other common suffixes.)
- Relating what you know to the book can help you understand.
- Predicting what will come next will help you understand.
- Trying to understand why the author said something can help you understand.
- Looking for common prefixes and suffixes can help you figure out words.
- Looking for common root words can help you understand and pronounce words.
- Dividing words into smaller parts can help you pronounce them.
- Reading several books about the same thing can help you learn special words.
- A dictionary can help you with word meanings.
- A dictionary can help you with word pronunciations.