

## Possible Mini-lessons for Emergent Readers

- You read books from top to bottom.
- The print goes from the left to the right.
- The front of the book has the title and author.
- The words are made up of sounds.
- The words must make sense.
- The words often go with the pictures on the page.
- Words that look alike often sound alike. (*fine-pine; began-before*)
- A word often looks the same each time it is on the page.
- Sometimes words look a little different on the page. (*the-The*)
- A particular letter makes a particular sound. (This should be restricted to consonant sounds because they are fairly consistent.)
- Sometimes parts of words like *-ing* and *-ed* are the same. (*playing-going*)
- Words that start with the same letter often start with the same sound. (*big-bit*)
- Words with ends that look alike also sound alike (*rain-pain*).
- You can write words by listening to the sounds as you say them.  
Stories make sense. Something happens to someone and it works out.
- You can make lists of words to help you remember things.
- You can leave notes when you will not see the person.
- Newspapers can tell us what happens in the world.
- Menus tell the choices of what to eat.

## 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.