



## **\*\*Important Information from the Florida Department of Education\*\***

Your child may meet one of the requirements below, and may be eligible for a reading scholarship account available through the Florida Department of Education. Pursuant to Florida Law, you can find information regarding reading scholarships for those eligible students at <https://www.stepupforstudents.org/for-parents/reading-scholarship/how-the-scholarship-works/>

**If you have additional questions, please contact Step up for Students by email [reading@sufs.org](mailto:reading@sufs.org), or by phone 877-735-7837.**

### **Reading Scholarship Account eligibility requirements:**

- Currently enrolled in a Florida public school in third, fourth or fifth grade for the 2020-21 school year, **and**
- Scored a performance level 1 or 2 on the English Language Arts (ELA) test in the 2018-19 school year, **or**
- Enrolled in one of [Florida's 300 Lowest Performing Elementary Schools](#) in 2018-19, **or**
- Enrolled in one of Florida's elementary [schools that earned a D or F school grade](#) in 2018-19, **or**
- Identified in the 2019-20 school year as having substantial deficiency in reading based on their most recent available screening and progress monitoring assessment.

### **Below are some helpful tips to assist your child at home:**

1. Model good reading habits by reading to or alongside your child; parents set the stage for children to become better readers. Modeling a love for reading is one very important trait you can share with your children.
2. Establish a daily reading routine.
3. Be positive when talking with your child about their reading ability and skills.
4. Limit TV viewing by controlling the amount of time spent watching television.
5. Expose children to different kinds of books such as novels, biographies, and informational content. Books about our universe or various species are interesting and engaging for young learners.
6. Visit your local public library and help your child get a library card of their very own.
7. Take books in the car to read, rather than watching a DVD.
8. Set aside additional reading time or add extra bedtime story time as a reward for good behavior.
9. Turn on the subtitles when watching a movie. Children will be able to match the words with the text.
10. Bake something- when following a recipe, children are not only practicing reading skills, they are learning how to follow directions and work toward a goal.