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\_\_\_\_\_ is today bringing home a book from Beginning Reading Instruction. Simple instructions are on the front inside cover of this book. If your child has difficulty with a sound, the only 'help' needed is the prompt: 'Say the sounds and read the word.' It is important, whenever possible, to let the reader do the work. When, after a pause, a sound is still not forthcoming, simply say: 'The sound is \_\_\_\_\_' and carry on. The same letter/sounds will reappear frequently, so there will be plenty of opportunity to practise.

Starting to read is a milestone in your child's education and practice at home gives you an opportunity to take an active part in this reading journey. The task can take patience and work, but should be an enjoyable experience for us all. Your child WILL be 'making mistakes' in early practice, that is quite normal. Praise all effort but resist the urge to over-help. As each book in the series builds on previous books, you will see the progress. And remember, let your beginning reader do the work!

When reading is achieved with few or no mistakes, encourage your child to read to anyone who will listen. But remember, children are often tired after school, so keep reading sessions short.

If you have any questions or concerns as the instruction goes along, please let me know, and I'll do likewise.