

# TIPS FOR PARENTS

## Level C/3

**It's important to show how books work. While reading, demonstrate these concepts about print. Do one at a time. Make it fun!**

- Point to a period.
- Say: This dot means stop. We stop reading, and then we go on.
- Point to an exclamation mark: !
- Say: This is an excited mark. It means we say the words in an excited way like this: "Help!"
- Point to a question mark: ?
- Say: This is a question mark. It means it's asking something such as "Where's Grandma?"
- Point to the quotation marks: " "
- Say: These are "talking" marks. It means someone is saying something.
- Point to a word in bold or darkened letters such as "STOP!"
- Say: This means we say it with a big voice.
- Demonstrate by saying it.
- Point under each word as you read along.
- Ask your child to point under each word as he or she reads.

