Decoding Strategies (figuring out words)



Eagle Eyes

look at pictures to know what the text might be about or to figure out an unknown word



Lips the Fish

get your mouth ready to say the beginning sounds



Stretchy Snake

stretch out the letter sounds slowly



Chunky Monkey

look for word chunks within a word Ex. cat, fish



Flippy Dolphin

flip the vowel sound (try short or long sound)



Skippy Frog

skip over the unknown word to finish reading, then hop on back and reread



Tryin Lion

try to read it again don't give up



Dot the Giraffe

look at the punctuation



Helpful Kangaroo

ask for help if needed

Dear Parents:

This year I will be using the Beany Baby Decoding Strategies to help your child become a great reader. As you are reading with your child each day, please use these strategies as needed to encourage your young reader!