

## Tips for Parents

Your student may be bringing a Code Reader book home to read. Code Reader is an exciting new series of chapter books designed to help support reading. This tip sheet will provide ideas on how you can help your child read using Code Reader books.

### What makes Code Reader books special?

- **Support in reading challenging words:** Code Reader books provide codes with “sound keys” for difficult words throughout each book. For example, a word that may be difficult to read is “coyote,” so it might be followed with a code like this: coyote (*ky-OH-tee*). This assistance in reading challenging words will make reading easier and more enjoyable for your child.
- **Exciting books:** Code Reader books are easier to read for struggling readers than traditional chapter books, but the books have very appealing subjects and content. From thrilling adventures to books with amazing facts, there are captivating Code Reader books for every reader!
- **Builds vocabulary:** When students use the codes to read difficult words, they build their vocabulary and increase their ability to read those words in other books.
- **Family engagement:** These books are perfect for reading support and practice at home.

### How can you support your child using Code Reader books?

- Help your child practice using codes in the book to sound out words. At the end of each book is a list of “Sound Keys.” Review these keys with your child to help in reading the codes.
- Point out that the codes have dashes between syllables and emphasized syllables are capitalized.
- Encourage your child to use the codes to sound out words they find difficult to read. (If they can easily read a word, they can simply skip over the code.) After using a code to pronounce a word, encourage your child to look back at the word to connect the pronunciation with the written word.
- If your child needs to use a code to successfully read a word, encourage rereading the sentence until it can be read easily.
- Consider reading by taking turns reading out loud. You can read a paragraph or two to your child, and then your child can take a turn reading. This will give your child a break, and as you read out loud, you can demonstrate sounding out words using the codes. When you read out loud, consider running your finger under the text so your child can follow along with the written words.

Code Reader books empower students to read with more ease, understanding, and enjoyment. Reading these books will help your child become a stronger, more self-assured reader—in school, at home, and beyond!

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