

Word Tracking

What is "Word Tracking" and why is it important?

"Word Tracking" is a reading strategy that will help your child develop an understanding of the concept of a word. Pointing to words (tracking) as you or your child reads is an effective way of highlighting individual words as they are read.

How can I use "Word Tracking" with my child?

Occasionally, as you read to your child, point to each word as you say it. Encourage your child to point to the words as well. Familiar text such as rhymes and pattern books provide support for your child. As your child begins to read the words to you, encourage him to point to the words as he reads them. After your child understands the match between written and spoken words, it is not necessary to continue to point to the words as you read.

Mary had a little lamb, little lamb, little, lamb ...

