



THE SHARED READING PROJECT: KEYS TO SUCCESS

THE 15 PRINCIPLES FOR READING TO DEAF CHILDREN

(For a more in-depth coverage of these principles, please refer to the manual entitled: Reading to Deaf Children: Learning from Deaf Adults by David R. Schleper.)

- 1. Translate stories using American Sign Language.**
- 2. Keep both languages visible.**
- 3. Do not be constrained by the text.**
- 4. Re-read stories from on a storytelling to story reading continuum.**
- 5. Follow the child's lead.**
- 6. Make what is implied explicit.**
- 7. Adjust sign placement to fit the story.**
- 8. Adjust signing style to fit the story.**
- 9. Connect concepts in the story to the real world.**
- 10. Use attention maintenance strategies.**
- 11. Use eye gaze to elicit participation.**
- 12. Engage in role-play to extend concepts.**
- 13. Use ASL variations to sign repetitive English phrases.**
- 14. Provide a positive and reinforcing environment.**
- 15. Expect the child to become literate.**