## **BOOKS AT THIS LEVEL HAVE**

- Simple Vocabulary
- Pictures on Every Page
- 1-2 Lines per page

## WHY SIMPLE VOCABULARY, PICTURES ON EVERY PAGE, AND ONLY 1-2 LINES?

The easiest beginning readers are written at a first-grade level. As such, they are generally composed of first-grade sight vocabulary or one-syllable words of five letters or fewer. Having pictures on every page is important, as they offer essential picture clues to help the child, and provide little breaks for the eyes (like pictures, the blank white space around the text is vital for children, as they work hard to decode text, and need frequent places to rest their eyes.) Having only 1-2 lines per page is also beneficial for children beginning to read, providing just the right amount of words to challenge the new reader, but not to overwhelm.

## **HOW TO USE THIS KIT**

Show your child all of the books, letting them choose which to read first. Choice means so much to young children, so empowering them to make their own reading choices is another great way to get them excited about reading!

Help your child with the decoding process by sounding out new words together. Have patience, and have fun with these hilarious hand-picked books!

## OTHER WAYS YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD BECOME A BETTER READER

Read together every day! This could be your child reading to you, you reading to your child, or simply you and your child each reading your own book in the same space. In addition to giving your child time to practice his or her new reading skills, reading aloud to your child is the single most important way to support learning.

Choose fun stories or fact books on topics your child loves. It's okay to not finish a book if your child isn't into it – the goal is to keep reading fun!

Listen to audiobooks in the car or at bedtime so your child can enjoy more complex stories.

