

Questions to consider for your child's teacher

- Is my child at the right level for reading? What do you see as my child's strengths/ weaknesses?
- If not, where does he/she need improvement?
- I am seeing this struggle at home:_(name struggle)_____. Do you agree? Are there specific ways to target this problem?
- What specific things are you doing in the classroom to target these needed improvement areas?
- What specific things can I do at home to target my child's reading struggles?
- Are you using a particular curriculum or technique(s) to teach reading in the classroom?
- Does my child need more help from the reading specialist at the school?

(Note: if you decide to ask the school for your child to be tested for help in reading, ask it very specifically via e-mail so that it is documented and your school will have to respond timely. Copy the reading specialist on the e-mail. You may need to do a little research about the testing your school uses to be very specific when you ask.)

- What materials at home should I use to help with my child's reading?
- Are there any apps or online programs that my child can have access to via the school to use at home?
- (If your child has a specific disability that affects reading, and particularly if you have a 504 or IEP in place) - How will accommodations be made for my child's disability in the classroom for reading? Will these accommodations apply to other subjects that require reading?
- How will my child's progress be measured?
- Be sure to thank the teacher for all the work she/he does with your child. Teaching is a tough job! Go into a meeting with your teacher with teamwork and collaboration in mind.