

# BE POLITE

## Caregiver Gear Up Lesson

### PURPOSE:

Introduce caregivers to ways in which they can enhance reading time with their children. The more exposure students have to books and print, the more they are able to recognize words, which will increase their fluency. Children with fluency have increased comprehension skills. By introducing how to model fluent reading (reading in a conversational tone) and how to ask effective comprehension questions (open-ended questions that push for deeper thinking), caregivers will be better prepared to read with their children, not to their children, and set them up for kindergarten success.

### LEARNING GOALS:

- To learn how to effectively read aloud with your child.
- To learn effective questioning skills for increasing reading comprehension.

### POTENTIAL SPEAKERS:

- **Teacher or School Administrator** – Focuses discussion on importance of reading and learning to read during the first years of school.
- **Reading Teacher from Local Elementary School** – Focuses discussion on tips and techniques to increase learning during at home “reading time.”
- **Librarian** – Focuses discussion on tips and techniques to increase learning during at home “reading time.” This could include tracking, open-ended questions, and/or previewing.

### HOSTING THIS SESSION:

- PLEASE READ THROUGH CAREGIVER HANDOUT BEFORE HOSTING THIS DISCUSSION.
  - Welcome caregivers back.
  - Invite caregivers to share some of the at-home activities they completed with their children from last week’s session.
  - Allow caregivers time to ask any questions.
  - Give out Caregiver Handout. Encourage caregivers to take notes on the back of the Caregiver Handout.
  - Announce today’s theme - **Be Polite**.
  
  - Introduce Guest Speaker and what they will be speaking about today.
- OR**
- Facilitate discussion using this lesson’s discussion questions.
  - Distribute discussion questions to caregivers.
  - Have caregiver read question aloud.
  - Encourage everyone to answer the questions as a group.

### CLOSURE:

- Encourage questions at the end of session.

- Review Lesson: Let caregivers know that their children worked on introductions and manners today and encourage them to introduce their new friends.