Raising a Good Reader

Pre-reading
Questions:
• How can you help a child become a good reader?

Definitions:
• Raise – to grow and care for
• Model – to show by example
• Rhyme – to sound alike

Reading

Reading is important. Juan and Rosa want their son to be a good reader. They model reading in their home. They read to Marco every day. They make reading a fun, learning time for their son.

Marco sees his mom and dad read daily. He sees them read the newspaper every morning. He sees them read letters and bills. He sees them read magazines.

Juan reads to Marco every evening before bed. Juan makes reading fun. He does all of the animal sounds. He says, “Moo!”, when a cow is on a page, and “quack” when a duck appears. He makes car noises too. Sometimes his voice is soft. Sometimes his voice is loud. Marco’s dad makes reading fun!

Rosa knows that rhyming books are good for children. Being able to rhyme cat with hat is a valuable reading skill. Children who can rhyme words have an easier time learning to read.

Marco loves to listen to his mom read rhyming books! “The big truck got stuck.” “A goat was in the boat.” “Jon’s new sled is red.” “A fox sat in a box.”

Rhyming and reading is fun!
Understanding

1. What does the word **daily** mean? __________________________________________
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2. How do Rosa and Juan model reading? ______________________________________
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3. What kinds of books does Rosa read to her son? ______________________________
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4. How does Juan make reading fun? _______________________________________________________________________
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5. What are some words that rhyme? __________________________________________
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Writing

Choice A: In your own words, write about how Juan and Rosa are helping Marco become a good reader.

Choice B: How can you help a child become a good reader?

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