Know The Five Critical Areas For Improving Reading Skills:

1. Phonological Awareness - involves the detection and manipulation of sounds at three levels of sound structure: (1) syllables, (2) onsets and rhymes, and (3) phonemes.
2. Phonics - a method for teaching reading and writing the English language by developing learners' phonemic awareness
3. Fluency - the smoothness or flow with which sounds, syllables, words and phrases are joined together when speaking quickly
4. Vocabulary - the set of words that are familiar to a person
5. Comprehension - the ability to read text, process it and understand its meaning

Utilize Programs Designed To Support Reading Skills
http://usf.readingprograms.org/level/R/

Use Tools To Assess Reading Skills
http://www.fcrr.org/for-educators/principal_checklists.asp

Connect Choice Of Reading Materials To Current Events And The Interests Of The Particular Child

Native American America Heritage Month Recommended Reading List
Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! Recommended Reading List
Summer Recommended Reading List
Hispanic Heritage Month Recommended Reading List
Recommended Holiday Reading
Black History Month Recommended Reading List
Earth Day Recommended Reading List

Volunteer For Readingpals Program

Volunteers needed who will dedicate an hour a week (for at least 25 weeks) to read in individual or small group settings are needed. You will be trained and provided background screenings before entering the program. The hour you give each week will have an effect that lasts a lifetime. To learn more about the ReadingPals program in your community:
http://childrensmovementflorida.org/action/literacy/

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United Way of Manatee County
United Way of Marion County
United Way of Miami-Dade County

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United Way of North Central Florida (Alachua County)
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