

Holds a Book Correctly		
Understand	Definition	Holding a book correctly makes reading easier and more enjoyable, and keeps a book safe.
Prepare	Why readers need this skill Secret to success	<p>Good book-handling skills keep a student more comfortable and encourage longer periods of reading. Also, we want books to last for years so many students can enjoy them.</p> <p>It is important to hold a book correctly so you are comfortable reading. Make sure you can see the front cover when you hold the book. Open and close books gently. Some people like to sit in chairs, lie on the floor, or sit on the floor when they read. Always keep books safe by turning the pages at the top.</p>
Teach	How we teach it	<p>Help children understand that a book is like a gift by unwrapping a book in front of the class. Because books are so special, we need to take care of them.</p> <p>Have the children sit in a chair with a book resting on the table, lie down on their tummy with a book flat on the floor in front of them, and sit on the floor with a book resting in their lap.</p> <p>Pass out books. Check to see if all books are oriented correctly. Practice opening and closing the books carefully. Let each child decide which position they prefer.</p> <p>Collect a few books with torn pages to show the children. Librarians often have examples to share. Explain that torn pages can ruin books, but that when we learn to turn the pages correctly, books can last for many years for all to enjoy. To turn a page correctly, pick up the page at the top right corner, flatten your hand under the page, push it carefully across the book, and pat the page down. This helps to keep the paper from tearing. Demonstrate and have the children practice.</p>
Support	Instructional Pivots	<p>Possible ways to differentiate instruction</p> <p>Sometimes very young children have trouble turning pages in a book. Adding a sticky note between pages can give them a “handle” to grab to help turn the page.</p> <p>Some students may need individual instruction on page turning. Many children grab pages on the middle edge, crinkle up the paper, and then turn. Reviewing the correct technique with your whole class periodically throughout the year pays big dividends.</p>