## Poudre School District Word Identification Strategies

| Strategy | Description |
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| Get your mouth ready <br> to make the first sound | Reminds beginning readers that the letters have sounds and they can start to figure out a word by making its first sound. |
| Stretch <br> then blend | Stretch a word out by saying the sounds one at a time, then saying them quickly to figure out the word. |
| Chunk <br> ing <br> Look for parts you know | Readers see patterns in words, including common word parts. |
| Flip <br> Try the other sound | Vowels and some consonants (c, g) have more than one sound. If the first sound tried doesn't make a word, try the other sound. |

Shinking about the meaning of what is
read can help readers figure out words
they don't know and can help them
recognize when they have read a word
incorrectly. The words should make
sense and sound right - like language.

