WORM SMELLS
Introduction

Before your child starts reading, read this story description. Then look through the book together and talk about the pictures.

This story is called *Worm Smells*.
It's about all the things that Worm sees and smells on his walk. Some things smell nice, but one thing smells bad!
Worm sees a flower.
"Smells nice," says Worm.
Worm sees a pine cone.
"Smells nice," says Worm.
Worm sees a strawberry.
“Smells nice,” says Worm.
Worm sees a skunk.
“Smells bad!” says Worm.
HELPING YOUR BRAND-NEW READER

Here's how to make first-time reading easy and fun:

△ Read the introduction at the beginning of the book aloud. Look through the pictures together so that your child can see what happens in the story before reading the words.

△ Read the first page to your child, placing your finger under each word.

△ Let your child touch the words and read the rest of the story. Give him or her time to figure out each new word.

△ If your child gets stuck on a word, you might say, "Try something. Look at the picture. What would make sense?"

△ If your child is still stuck, supply the right word. This will allow him or her to continue to read and enjoy the story. You might say, "Could this word be 'ball'?"

△ Always praise your child. Praise what he or she reads correctly, and praise good tries too.

△ Give your child lots of chances to read the story again and again. The more your child reads, the more confident he or she will become.

△ Have fun!
Worm takes a walk in the woods. What does he find and smell there?

Includes advice to help you guide and support your brand-new reader.