

Reading at Home

Building comprehension and a love for reading, thinking and wondering!

Support Comprehension

Talk about books, TV
shows & movies

Questions to ask *before* reading & watching:

- What do you think this is going to be about?
- What do you already know about the topic?
- Does the topic remind you of anything you know or have done?
- After previewing the book, what are you wondering?

Questions to ask *during* reading & watching:

- What are you visualizing? What do you hear, see and smell? Kids should add in missing details that make sense to make the movie in their mind.
- How is _____ feeling? Why do you think that? Kids need to step inside characters' shoes often as they read.
- What traits would you use to describe _____?
- What are the themes, struggles or problems you are noticing? How does the character deal with these problems? What advice would you give?
- Why do you think _____ happened?
- What do you think _____ means?
- What do you predict will happen?
- How do the characters and events compare with other books, t.v. or movies you've seen? What are the similarities & differences?
- How do the characters and events compare with issues in our world?
- Why is the author/director creating this story/text? What is their perspective? Do you notice missing perspectives or bias?

*Great follow up ? - What makes you think that?

Compliment and Encourage

"You are checking in to make sure you know what's happening and are thinking about the bigger ideas? Keep it up!"

"You sound just like the characters! Your expression shows you understand what you are reading!"

"Wonderful job stopping to think in this big moment instead of reading just to get to the next page!"

"You are tackling those harder words using your strategies! Keep persevering!"

"You are tucking in reading even when it isn't assigned. I'm glad you like getting lost in a book!"

What's most important is to just enjoy books with your child!

Model expression, laugh at the funny parts, cry at the sad parts and keep conversations casual!

