Possible Questions To Ask

While Reading With Your Child

Here is a sampling of possible questions that parents can ask before, during, and after reading. Remember that just enjoying a good story together is an important part of reading a story aloud. Kids love to reread books that you read as a child.

**Questions to ask before you read:**

* Can you look at the pictures and predict what you think will happen in this book?
* What makes you think that?
* What characters do you think might be in our story?
* Do you think there will be a problem in this story? Why or why not?
* Does the topic/story relate to you or your family? How?

**Questions to ask during the reading:**

* What do you think will happen next?
* What can you tell me about the story so far?
* Can you predict how the story will end?
* Why do you think the character did \_\_\_\_\_\_\_?
* What would you have done if you were the character?
* How would you have felt if you were the character? (use different characters)
* As I read\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, it made me picture\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ in my head. What pictures do you see in your head?
* As you read, what are you wondering about?
* Can you put what you’ve just read in your own words?

**Questions to ask after reading:**

* In your opinion, was the title a good choice for this book? Why or why not?
* Were your predictions about the story correct?
* If there was a problem, did it get solved?
* What happened because of the problem? Did the character(s) change?
* Why do you think the author wrote this book?
* What is the most important point the author is trying to make in his writing?
* What was your favorite part of the story?
* If you could change one thing in the story, what would it be?
* Can you retell the story in order?
* If you were \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, how would you have felt?
* What is the most interesting situation in the story?
* Is there a character in the story like you? How are you alike?
* Why did you like this book?

Happy reading and enjoying books together!