

Reading!

Before reading:

- Discuss the title and author, have they read any books by this author before?
- **Predict** what you think might happen next?
- How is this book similar to others they've read?
- Read the blurb and discuss
- What made them want to read this book?

During reading:

- Ask about the characters? How are they feeling? Have you experienced the same as them? Would you have done something differently?
- Allow different strategies for reading (blending, reading the whole sentence to guess a particular word, use the pictures to support reading)
- Discuss new **vocabulary** (definition, synonym, antonym)
- Encourage intonation or different voices for different speakers.
- Ask **retrieval** questions (Who, What, When, Where, Find).
- Ask **inference** questions (Why do you think that? Prove it. Explain your answer using the story.)
- Nonfiction - ask your child to find information using the contents/ glossary and index page.

After reading:

- Was your **prediction** about the story correct? Why / Why not?
- What did they like/ dislike?
- Did you like the ending? Can you think of another ending?
- What were the themes of the book?
- How does this story link to other books you've read?
- Would you recommend it? Why?
- Do you have any questions about the book?
- Retell the story using vocabulary from the story.

Writing!

All great writers read a lot of books to improve their imagination and steal ideas from other authors.

Once you have read a book, write about it!

1. Rewrite the story by changing the character or the problem.
2. Write a book review
3. Write a sequel to the story
4. Steal some phrases or amazing words to use in your own writing
5. Write your own story using the pictures
6. Write your own alternative ending
7. Write some questions you might ask the author/illustrator
8. Research and write a nonfiction text about the author
9. Write a letter to a character asking questions
10. Write a newspaper article about an event in the story.

Any reading or writing done at home will be celebrated at school!

