

STRATEGIES FOR GOOD READERS

There are important strategies that students and all of us can use before, during and after reading:



Before Reading

- Talk about the title of the book and what it could be about.
- Set a purpose for reading: Example: "I am going to read this book to learn more about cats."
- Take a 'picture walk' through the book. What do the pictures tell us?



During Reading

- Visualize - make a movie in your head about what you are reading.
- Question - try to answer the who, what, when, where, why and how questions as you read along.
- Clarify - understand new words
 - *Use finger to point to each word while you read (for beginners).
 - *Use beginning letter sounds to figure out words.
 - *Use pictures on the page to figure out words.
 - *Use word chunks to help figure out words (groups of letters in a pattern like _ack, _oat).
 - *Look for smaller words within the larger word.
 - * Read to the end of the sentence. Sometimes the word just makes Sense and pops out.
 - *Reread the sentence or phrase to help with understanding.
- Make predictions - "What will happen next?"
- Make connections
 - *What other books are like this book?
 - *Do you ever feel like this character?
 - *Does this story make you think about something else in the world?



After Reading

- What did you think about this story and how did it make you feel?
- Summarize:
 - *What was most important in the story?
 - * What was the problem in the story?
 - *Was the problem solved?
 - *How did the story end?