

Questions to Discuss While Child Reads to Parent

Below you will find four different categories. Please choose one category, read the sample questions/statements and formulate questions/statements to correlate with the book your child is reading.

Predicting – Making informed guesses based on the clues prior to reading the story. Student should do the following before reading:

- Look at title and pictures throughout the book
- Read the first sentence or first page of the book
- Think of what they already know based on pictures and first sentence or first page of book
- After completing above, ask child to predict what the story will be about.
- Have student confirm or disprove their predictions as they read. They may also change their prediction as they read.

Making Connections – Using what students know to understand the text. Your child will make personal connections with the text by relating to their own experience/knowledge. Some discussion question starters to consider are as follows:

- That reminds me of...
- It makes me think of...
- I read another book where...
- This is different from...

Asking Questions- Asking questions and searching for answers – before, during and after reading. Some prompts/questions to consider are as follows:

- I wonder...
- I was confused when...
- Why...
- What happened to...
- Where did the story take place?
- How could I change the ending to make the story different?
- Who was the main character?

Summarizing – Putting the main idea and most important details in my own words. Ask the following questions after reading:

- This story was mainly about?
- What happened at the beginning of the story?
- What happened in the middle of the story?
- What happened at the end of the story?