

# Strategies to Become A Better Reader

Here are important reading strategies your child can use before, during, and after reading:



## Before Reading:

Predict what the book is about from the title. Set a purpose for reading. Example; I am going to read this book because I want to learn more about animals. Take a picture walk through the book. Ask what is happening in the pictures? What can you learn about the story from this picture?



## During Reading:

- **Visualize-** make a movie in your head just like you do when listening to a story
- **Question-**think about the story, asking yourself, who, what ,when ,where, why, and how

- Clarify- understand new words-figure out words using print strategies:
  - \* Use finger to point under each word to keep track of where you are reading
  - \* Use beginning and ending sounds to figure out words
  - \* Use pictures on the page to help figure out a word
  - \* Use word chunks (group of letter in a pattern like \_op or \_\_\_at
  - \* Look for a smaller word within the word
  - \* Read to the end of the sentence.
  - \* Reread the sentence to increase understanding
- Make Predictions- "What happens next?"
- Make Connections-
  - \* What other story is like this one (Text to Text Connection)
  - Have you felt the same way as a character? Did you have an experience like the character? (Text to Self Connection)
  - Does it help you think about something in real life not directly connected to you? (Text to World Connection)



## After Reading:

- React- What did you think of the story?
- Summarize- What was most important in the story?