



READING STRATEGIES FOR FAMILIES



1.

BEFORE READING THE TEXT, HAVE YOUR CHILD LOOK AT THE PICTURES AND MAKE PREDICTIONS ABOUT THE TEXT. DURING THE READING, ASK QUESTIONS, DISCUSS THE CHARACTERS, AND TALK ABOUT THE SETTING. AFTER READING, ASK IF THE CHILD IF THEY HAVE AN ALTERNATIVE ENDING TO THE TEXT. ALSO ASK QUESTIONS THAT WILL CAUSE THEM TO THINK CRITICALLY AND HAVE TO REFERENCE THE TEXT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS.

2.

READ BOOKS THAT ARE ON YOUR CHILD'S LEXILE LEVEL. YOU CAN FIND YOUR CHILD'S SCORE ON PAST STANDARDIZED ASSESSMENTS. THIS WILL ENSURE THAT YOUR CHILD WILL BE ABLE TO ACCESS TEXTS ON HIS/HER READING LEVEL.

3.

HAVE YOUR CHILD JOURNAL OR WRITE. THIS ALLOWS THEM TO THINK ABOUT WHAT THEY READ IN THE TEXT AND PROVIDE A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE TEXT. IT CAN BE ONE PARAGRAPH. DURING THIS TIME, YOU CAN CHECK FOR SPELLING, GRAMMAR, SENTENCE STRUCTURE, AND COMPREHENSION.

4.

MODEL READING. TAKE THE TIME TO SET ASIDE TIME FOR READING EVERY DAY. THIS WILL MOTIVATE YOUR CHILD AND CREATE A ROUTINE FOR READING. ALSO, ALLOW THEM TO CHOOSE A BOOK THAT THEY LOVE. LEAVE THE REQUIRED READING AT HOME AND ALLOW THEM TO ENJOY BOOKS THAT THEY LOVE.



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