

## Reading Comprehension

Good readers are active readers, they think about what they are reading so they can understand it better. Below are a few ways to help strengthen your child's comprehension skills!

Make Connections	Show your child how to make connections by sharing your own connections as you read aloud. Have them tell you what the story reminds them of.
Ask Questions	Think of questions that will spark your child's curiosity and make your child want to look for clues in the text. "What are you wondering?" is a good question to start with
Create "Mind Movies"	Begin by describing the pictures you see in your own imagination as you read. Then invite your child to try. Use all five senses and emotion.
Figure Out What's Important	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• When you read a story, talk about the characters, where the story takes place, and the problem and solution in the story.</li><li>• If you are reading non-fiction talk about the different elements that give you information, such as the pictures, headings and bold print.</li></ul>
Stop and Think	Encourage your child to stop and think about what is happening as they read the story. If they are not sure, have them go back and reread.