Reading Strategies To Try at Home With Your Child

* **Infer** what is going on or might happen, based on what they already know and what they have read.
* **Make a connection:**
  + **Make a text-to-text connection**
  + **Make a text-to-world connection**
  + **Make a text-to-self connection**
* **Visualize**: Encourage your child to **create a mental image or play the scene like a movie** in their head
* **Evaluate:** Determine the importance of characters, events, or details.
* **Synthesize** information means taking information you learn along the way and combining it with the information you know.
* Other tips:
  + **Make a prediction.**
  + **Take the character’s perspective** or relate to the character’s feeling.
  + **Read it like a sentence.** If your child reads haltingly, have them re-read the same sentence to get the fluency (and confidence!) aspect of reading. It’s hard to comprehend disjointed sentences.

Questions to ask:

**Before Reading**

* Why did you select this book to read?
* Based on the cover and the title, what do you think this book is going to be about? (the response should be detailed)
* What are you curious to find out about the topic being discussed in the book? What do you want to learn?

**During Reading**

* What is this story about?"
* "What does the main character want?"
* "Will they get it?" "If so, how?"
* What is the meaning of what I have read?"
* "Why do you think the author ended the chapter in this way?" What do you think about what’s going to happen next?
* "What do you understand from what you just read?" How do you know? (must cite evidence from the text)
* "What is the main idea so far?"
* "What picture is the author painting in your head?" (cite evidence)
* "What connections can I make to the text? How do I feel about it?"
* Why do you think the author chose this particular setting?"

**After Reading**

* Why do you think the author chose to tell the story from the (name the character) point of view?
* "What was the author's purpose in writing this?"
* What message or lesson do you think the author wants the reader to take away from the text?
* "Which of your predictions were right? What information from the text tells you that you are correct?"
* If you could ask the author a question, what would it be and why?