Literacy isn't Spooky!

Parent Training on Read Alouds

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What is a Read Aloud?

- + It is an instructional practice teachers, caregivers, and parents read texts aloud to children.
- + The reader incorporates or models variations in pitch, tone, pace, pauses, eye contact, questions and comments to produce a fluent and enjoyable delivery.

What are the Benefits of a Read Aloud?

Develops stronger vocabulary Builds listening comprehension skill

Increases attention span

Promotes content in other core subjects

Provides a safe way to explore emotions

Promotes bonding

Instills a love for reading and books

Universal Prompting Questions: Before Reading....

- Build or access background knowledge of the book, author, topic, or concept.
- Read the title, author, and illustrator.
- Call attention to parts of the book like the cover, author blurb, table of contents, dedication, etc. as necessary.
- Set the purpose for listening and responding.
- Explain the connection between the book and the text.
- Make predictions.
- Discuss vocabulary.

Universal Prompting Questions: Before Reading....

Before Reading:

Question	Strategy Addressed
At beginning of new book:	
 What do you think this book will be about? Why do you think that? 	Predicting
 What characters do you think might be in this story? 	
 What do you know about the topic of this book? (Have you ever been camping/ seen a ghost/been to a farm, etc) 	Connecting
 Does the topic of this book remind you of anything you know or have done? 	
 What questions would you like to ask the author before you read this book? 	Questioning
 What are you wondering about as you look at the cover and back of your book? 	No.
If continuing a book student has been reading:	
 What has happened so far in this story? 	Summarizing
What do you think will happen next? Why?	Predicting
What questions would you like to ask the author about this book?	Questioning
 Do you have any questions about what has happened so far? 	

Universal Prompting Questions: During Reading....

During Reading:

Question	Strategy Addressed
What do you think will happen next? Why?	Predicting
 How do you think the character will handle this situation? 	
Why do you think the character did	Inferring
 What must have happened here that the author didn't tell us? 	
 What emotions is the character feeling? How do you know? 	
What would you have done if you were the character?	Connecting
 Has anything like this ever happened to you? Does it remind you of something? 	1 - 1 - 1
 How would you have felt if that happened to you? 	
 Do you know someone like this character? 	
 How are you like/different than this character? 	
As you've been reading, what pictures have been in your mind?	Visualizing
 If you were in the story, what would you hear, taste, smell or feel? 	
 What does the character/setting look like in your mind? 	
• Tell me what you were imagining in your mind as you read that page/paragraph.	
Is there anything you're wondering about right now?	Questioning
Can you put what you've just read in your own words?	Summarizing
 What's happened to this character so far? 	
 Tell me the most important things you read today in order of how they happened. 	

Universal Prompting Questions: After Reading...

After Reading:

Question	Strategy Addressed
At the end of a book:	
 If this story had a sequel, what do you think it would be about? 	Predicting
 What is the main message of this book? What does the author want you to think about? What was the big idea? 	Inferring
What questions would you like to ask the author right now?	Questioning
Tell me the story in your own words.	Summarizing
Retell the most important events in the story from beginning, middle and end.	
What were the most important events in this story?	Determining
	Importance
If continuing a book student has been reading:	
 Summarize what you have read today? Retell the most important events in order. 	Summarizing
 What's happened to this character so far? 	
What do you think will happen next? Why?	Predicting
What questions would you like to ask the author about this book?	Questioning
 Do you have any questions about what has happened so far? 	
What will be most important for us to remember in what we read today?	Determining
	Importance

BCPS Promotion Criteria K-Fifth Grade

+ Link to Promotion Criteria Grades K-5



BCPS Read At Home Plan K-Fifth

Link to Read At Home Plans





Thank you for joining us today!

As always if you have any questions or need any clarification, contact me at:

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