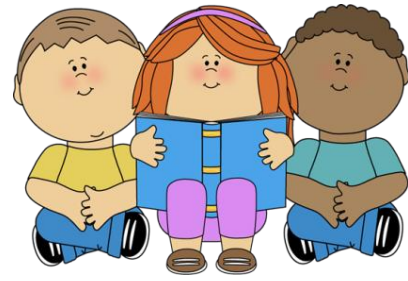


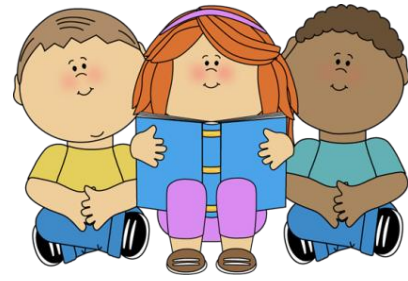
Challenging Questions to Ask About Reading



--Narrative (any story)--

- *How is this story like any other story you know?
- *How is the setting (time and place) important to the story?
- *How did the author show the passing of time?
- *What words did the author use to describe the place?
- *How does the season or time affect the characters or the plot of the story?
- *Who is the most important character?
- *How does the author tell us about the character?
(Hint: Look at what the character does, thinks, says, and what others say about the character.)
- *Which character changed in the story? How did he/she change?
- *What is the author's message?
- *Why did the author most likely write this story?
- *What is this story mostly about?
- *What do the illustrations add to the story?
- *What was the most important problem in the story?
- *What clues did the author give to help the reader predict the ending?
- *What lesson does this story teach about life?
- *What can you tell about this character?
- *What two or three sentences summarize the whole story?
- *What are some interesting words, phrases, or sentences?
- *What words help create a feeling or picture in your mind?
- *What did the author have to know to write this book?
- *What did the author do to interest the reader?

Challenging Questions to Ask About Reading



--Informational/Non-fiction--

- *What is this selection mainly about?
- *Why is this topic important?
- *What are some of the most important ideas related to this topic?
- *How has the author made it easy for the reader to find information?
- *Why did the author most likely write this text?
- *What does the title tell you about this text?
- *What information is provided through graphic features? (illustrations, maps, charts, diagrams, photographs, etc.)
- *What information is provided through text features? (bold print, key words, italics, captions, labels, etc.)
- *How does this (chart, illustration, map, etc.) help the reader?
- *How can the reader tell that the author's purpose was _____?
- *What details are important to the main idea of the selection?
- *Which sentence from the text best supports the idea that _____?
- *What can you tell from this text?

Tip: Always ask
"How do you
know?" and
follow up with a
discussion!