

Reading Conversations

The prompts listed below are the skills and behaviors we model and discuss in our guided reading groups throughout the year. Choose one or two prompts to focus on with your child while reading with them each night, and enjoy the conversations you are about to have!

Before Reading

- What do you think this book will be about?
- Describe what you see on the front cover.
- Who are the author and illustrator? What are their jobs?
- If applicable, read the table of contents. Explain what chapter sounds interesting to you and why?

During Reading

- What has happened in the story so far?
- What picture are you getting in your mind as you read this page?
- How do all of the pages/chapters you have read fit together?
- This book is making me think...
- I think the character is doing this because...
- So far, I know... and that makes me think ... will happen next.
- How are you using the pictures to help you understand what you are reading
- Can you point to a word that was new for you, and tell me how you figured out what that word means?
- Name one character. Tell me two traits that describe that character. Prove it with examples from the book.

After Reading

- Tell me about the story in a few sentences.
- Describe the settings.
- How did the character change from the beginning of the story to the end?
- Who learned a lesson in the story? Tell me about it.
- What does this story remind you of/make you think about?
- What was the problem in the story? How was it solved?
- Reread a page to yourself, and then read aloud with expression.

Nonfiction Texts

- What important information did you learn in this book?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- What text features are used in this book (photographs, captions, bold words, table of contents, index, glossary, tables, charts, etc.)?