

# Reading Tips for Parents

While reading with your child, it's important to have conversations about books. Keep in mind; one or two questions are appropriate because it shouldn't feel like a quiz, just a conversation!

**While reading together, stop every so often (after a chapter, after a few (3-5) pages) and ask:**

- What has happened in the story so far?*
- What can you tell me about the main character?*
- What happened at the beginning?*

**Here are examples of teacher language that supports thinking about texts:**

## **Fiction:**

- *What did you notice about the characters? (Use names)*
- *Start at the beginning and tell me what happened in this story.*
- *What happened before/after \_\_\_\_\_ (an event in the story)?*
- *How did the story end?*
- *What part did you like best in this story? Tell me why you liked that part.*
- *What did the writer do to interest you in the story?*
- *What is the problem and how is it solved?*
- *What parts of the story are probably fact and what parts are imagined?*
- *What did this story make you think of?*

**Non-fiction:**

- *What were three of the most important ideas in this non-fiction (informational) text?*
- *What does the author want you to know about this topic?*
- *How did the writer make the information interesting?*
- *What did this story make you think of?*