



Before reading:

- Looking at the title, cover and illustrations/pictures, what do you think will happen in this book?
- What makes you think that?
- What characters do you think might be in the book?
- Do you think there will be problem in the story? Why?
- What do you already know about the topic of this book?
- Does the topic or story relate to you or your family? How?
- Do you think it will be like any other book you've read? If so, which one, and how do you think it will be similar?

During reading:

- What has happened so far in the story? Can you tell me using sequence words? (first, then, next, after, finally, etc.)
- What do you predict will happen next?
- How do you think the story will end?
- Why do you think the character did _____?
- What would you have done if you were the character?
- How would you have felt if you were the character?
- When you read, what pictures did you see in your head? How did you imagine it looked like?
- What are you wondering about as you read? What questions do you have?
- Think about the predictions you made before reading; do you still think the story will go that way? Why or why not? How do you think it will go now?

After reading:

- Why is the title a good title for the book/story? If you had to give it a different title, what would be another good title for it?
- Were your predictions correct? Where did you have to fix your prediction as you read?
- If there was a problem, did it get solved? How did the character try to solve the problem? and sequence words: first, second, then, next, etc.)
- Is there a character in the story that reminds you of someone you know? If so, who are they like, and why do you think that?
- Does this book remind you of another book you know? Does it remind you of something you've experienced in real life?

For fun: Have them act out a scene from the book, draw you a picture of their favorite part to decorate the refrigerator, or write a follow-up story. They can pretend they are a book reviewer reviewing the book on TV, or they can write a letter or postcard to the author. There are many creative ways to engage students in reading and have them share their reading with you!

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