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Reading Strategy

The final things good readers do before they begin to read are make predictions about what they think the text will say, based on their previewing and connections they have made to the text. Good readers read to discover if their predictions are accurate. Good readers also set a purpose, or goal for what they are about to read.

Before Reading Strategy

Make Predictions

After previewing the text and thinking about what you already know about the topic you will be reading about, predict what the text will be about and what you might learn from reading it. What will the text say? What predictions can you make? Make up some “I wonder” questions that will be answered in the text.

Set a Goal

Finally, before you begin to read, set a goal or purpose for reading the text. Why am I reading the text? Will I be asked to perform a task after reading the text? Am I reading to gain information? Am I reading to be entertained? Ask yourself and answer these questions before beginning to read.

If you have followed all the Before Reading Strategies, asking and answering questions in each step, you are now ready to read!

Often, we tend to skip these important strategies before reading and simply open the book to the first page and begin to read. When we do not take the time to prepare our minds for reading, we can struggle with comprehending the words we are reading. Following these strategies before we begin to read will help your child become a more proficient reader, and hopefully bring more joy to their reading experiences.

Happy Reading!!

