

Questions to Ask Your Child During Or After Reading

The following questions focus on skills we will be working on this year.

Fiction Texts

What character traits does (<u>fill in character name or ask about main character</u>) show?

What evidence supports each trait?

How has (<u>fill in character name or ask about main character</u>) changed throughout your book? (If your child has not completed the book ask how the character has changed up to this point in their book.)

What is the biggest challenge (<u>fill in character name or ask about main character</u>) has faced? How did the character respond to the challenge?

What is the theme of your book? OR What do you think the theme of your book is so far? How do you know?

Compare and contrast two characters, settings, or events from your book.

What figurative language did you notice in your reading? What did the figurative language mean? (ex. Simile, metaphor, hyperbole, personification, alliteration, etc.)

What point of view is the story told in? How would the story be different if told from another character's point of view? Why do you think that?

Have you read any other books that had a similar theme or similar characters? Explain the similarities.

What does the author do well? Why do you think that? What could the author improve?

Were there any vocabulary words you did not know? What do you predict those words mean? Why do you think that?

Summarize what you just read. What do you think will happen next? Why do you think that?

Is there anything you would change about the story? Why?

Cultivating the Core

Nonfiction Texts

What is the main idea of what you just read? What details support that main idea?

Summarize what you just read.

Were there any vocabulary words you did not know? What do you predict those words mean? Why do you think that?

Can you make a connection to another text (fiction or nonfiction)? Explain your connection. How does that connection help you to better understand the text?

What text structure was used? (Compare/contrast, chronological, cause/effect, problem/solution, description) Explain how you know.

What facts did you find most interesting? Why?

Do you have any questions about what you read? (look up answers together if you have time)

Were there any text features that helped you to better understand the text? What were the text features? (ex. Headings, captions, illustrations, etc.)

If you had to pick a new title for the book or a section of the book what would it be? Why?

If there are photographs or illustrations: How do the photographs of illustrations help you to understand the text?

Happy Reading.

