

# Read, Read, & Read Some More!

The single best way to help your child learn is to read with them consistently and help them to think critically about what they are reading. It is **extremely important to read aloud in English to your child**. Make reading part of your routine and try to read a certain number of minutes each day. While reading, consider asking some of the following questions to help your child think critically about what they are reading.

## Before Reading

- Can you find the title of the story? Can you find the names of the author and the illustrator?
- What do you see on the cover of this book?
- What do you think will happen in this story? Why do you think that?
- What kind of book do you think this is? (Fantasy, informational, realistic). Why?

## While Reading

- What has happened so far in the story?
- How does the character feel right now? How do you know that?
- Do the illustrations tell us something that the author's words don't tell us?
- What's the problem in this story? How do you think it might be solved?

## After Reading

- Tell me what happened in this story. (Beginning, middle, and end).
- Who are the characters in the story? How are they similar and different?
- Who is the main character in the story?
- Did the main character change from the beginning to the end of the story? How?
- Do any of the characters remind you of someone else? Who and why?
- What is the setting of this story? Where does the story take place?
- What was your favorite part of the book? Why?
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?
- Does this book remind you of another book? How are they similar and different?
- What did you learn from reading this book?
- Do you like the end of this story? Would you change it if you could?

