

## **Boosting Reading Comprehension—Reading Comprehension Advice for Families**

- When selecting books, choose topics that interest your child.
- Use books as a time to have conversation about what you are reading.
- Ask your child questions about the book before, during, and after you read the book. This helps your child think and make personal connections to the book.
- When reading books that tell a story, ask your child to *predict* what will happen next. *Prediction* is an important reading comprehension strategy.
- Involve your child in the reading experience. When children question, comment, think, and point to pictures, they are comprehending what the author has written.
- Spend time talking about new words your child may not understand. Learning new vocabulary will enhance reading comprehension.
- Follow your child's lead. You don't always have to read the entire book. Reread favorite books over and over.
- Read fiction (story books) and non-fiction (books and magazines that have facts and photographs). Reading non-fiction books lays the foundation for later comprehension of science, math, and social studies texts.