

Making Reading Fun-Questioning

Advice for Families

- Use questioning as a strategy to *invite* your child to talk, not to quiz her.
- When reading, turn off the television, cell phones, computers, etc. This will help your children stay focused on the book. The brain can only pay attention to one thing at a time.
- Follow your child's lead. If you think the questioning is interfering with his/her enjoyment of the book, try it again another time.
- Use photographs and pictures in books to provide a reference for questions that you ask. Drawing attention to the visual aspects can help your child be successful in answering questions.
- Remember, children develop at their own rate. Children need many opportunities to practice new skills before they do it with ease.
- Choose fiction and non-fiction books that interest your child. Research shows that young boys may prefer non-fiction books, while young girls may prefer non-fiction.
- Carry a favorite book in your purse or the glove compartment of your car. It's a great way to spend time while you are waiting to pick up a sibling, while you are waiting for an appointment, or enjoying some time at the park.