

## **Before, During and After Reading Strategies**

It is important to support the reader with strategies that can make the reading experience more positive and successful. Parents can model these strategies with their children and children can later transfer these strategies to their independent reading experiences. Becoming strategic readers is the goal.

### **Before Reading Strategies**

- Read the title and author of the book and make predictions about the story
- Take a picture walk through the book and tell the story through the pictures
- Make connections to the story by own personal experiences i.e. This story reminds me of....

### **During Reading Strategies**

- Preview strategies that can be used when the reader comes to a word they do not know

#### **I can...**

- look at the pictures on the page to help me
- look at the first letter of the word
- skip the word and read on
- look for little words in the big word

#### **When I try the word I can ask myself...**

- does it look right?
- does it sound right?
- Does it make sense?

### **After Reading Strategies**

- Have the reader review the story by choosing some of the following:
  - retelling the story using beginning, middle and end prompts
  - talking about the characters
  - asking where the story takes place
  - deciding if there was a problem in the story and if so, how was it solved?
  - asking if the story reminds them of anything