

## **Second Grade Comprehension Strategies**

Comprehension strategies are conscious plans, sets of steps that good readers use to make sense of context. Comprehension strategy instruction helps students become purposeful, active readers who are in control of their own reading comprehension. A great deal of time is spent teaching these strategies. The second grade students have been working very diligently with the first two strategies; identifying main idea and recalling facts and details that support the main idea. They are learning that the main idea is simply what the passage/story is mostly/mainly about. It is the most important idea of what was read. They are learning that facts and details are the more "specific" ideas that help explain and support the main idea. They often answer who, what, where, when and why questions. The second graders are doing a terrific job with these two strategies. They are getting very used to me asking...."what was the most important idea of what we just read?" and "can you give me examples that support the most important idea?" They are troopers! :)