

FICTION - 2ND grade

- Ask your child to answer who, what, where, when, and why questions about the story.
- What was the moral of the story? (the lesson learned)
- What was the central message of the story? What was the author trying to tell you?
- Describe the characters in the story.
- Pick out something that happened in the story. Ask your child to describe how the character reacted to this event.
- What challenges did the characters have to face in this story?
- Tell me about the beginning, middle, and end of the story.
- Would you change the ending of this story? If so, how would you have the story end?
- Who is telling the story? How do you know?
- Look at the illustration on page _____. How does this picture help you understand what is happening in the story?

NONFICTION - 2ND GRADE

- Ask your child who, what, when, where, and why questions about the story.
- What is the main topic of this story?
- Pick out a few pages. Have your child reread these pages to you. Ask them what those pages are mainly talking about.
- Pick out a word on a page. Ask your child to tell you what it means by having them read around the word to figure out the meaning (using context clues).
- Show me three text features in this book (text features include captions, bold words, subheadings, glossaries, indexes, and icons).
- Look at the caption on page _____. How does the caption help you understand what is happening in the story?
- Why did the author write this book?
- Look at the diagram/illustration on page _____. Why did the author include this?
- How does the author feel about the topic he is writing about? How do you know?