

Reading Workshop

Structure of a reading week:

Day 1: Predictions – what do you think the story is about? Use the front cover and title as a clue.

Day 2: Read up to 3 pages of the book. What has happened so far? Who are the characters in your story? Where is it set? What do you think will happen next?

Day 3: Middle of the story. What is the problem in the story? How do you think the main character will resolve the problem?

Day 4: Read the rest of the story. Was your prediction correct? What did you like or dislike about the book?

Day 5: Reread the whole book again. Can you find new things that you missed before? How would you change the book? Create your own ending.

Day 6 and 7: Reading for pleasure.

Questions to ask when reading:

General:

- Find the author/illustrator?
- Have you read any other books by this author?
- What is the title?
- Why do you think the author chose this title?
- What do you think the book is about?
- What might happen in a book?
- What makes you think that?
- Is this book fiction or non-fiction? How do you know?
- Who is the main character?
- Do you think the character is a goodie or baddie?
- Where are the characters now? Where are they going?
- When does the story happen? How do you know?

Characters:

- Who are the characters in the story?
- What will happen to the characters?
- What does the character/do the characters feel like?
- What adjectives can you use to describe the characters?

Setting:

- What is the setting (where and when the story happens)?
- Why do you think the author chose this setting?
- What adjectives can you use to describe the setting?
- Does it remind you of any places you've been to?