

First Grade Reading

Dear Parents,

In order to gain confidence and fluency in reading, we are requiring each first grader to read at least ten minutes every evening at home. We will send home leveled readers, but your child certainly is not limited to reading just those! Please take time to read:

To him/her,

* With him/her,

Or listen to him/her read

 $\bigstar By$ himself/herself.

Here are some suggestions to help your child when he/she is having difficulty reading by him/herself.

- *As you read, point to each word to make the oral language and print connection.
- *Give a few seconds of wait time to see what attempts are made.
- *Ask what would make sense in that sentence.
- *Use picture clues.
- *Skip the word and come back.
- *Go back to the beginning of the sentence and try again.

*Tell the word and go on.

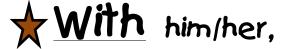
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Second Grade Reading

Dear Parents,

In order to gain confidence and fluency in reading, we are requiring each second grader to read at least twenty minutes every evening at home. We may send home leveled readers, but your child certainly is not limited to reading just those! Please take time to read:





Or listen to him/her read



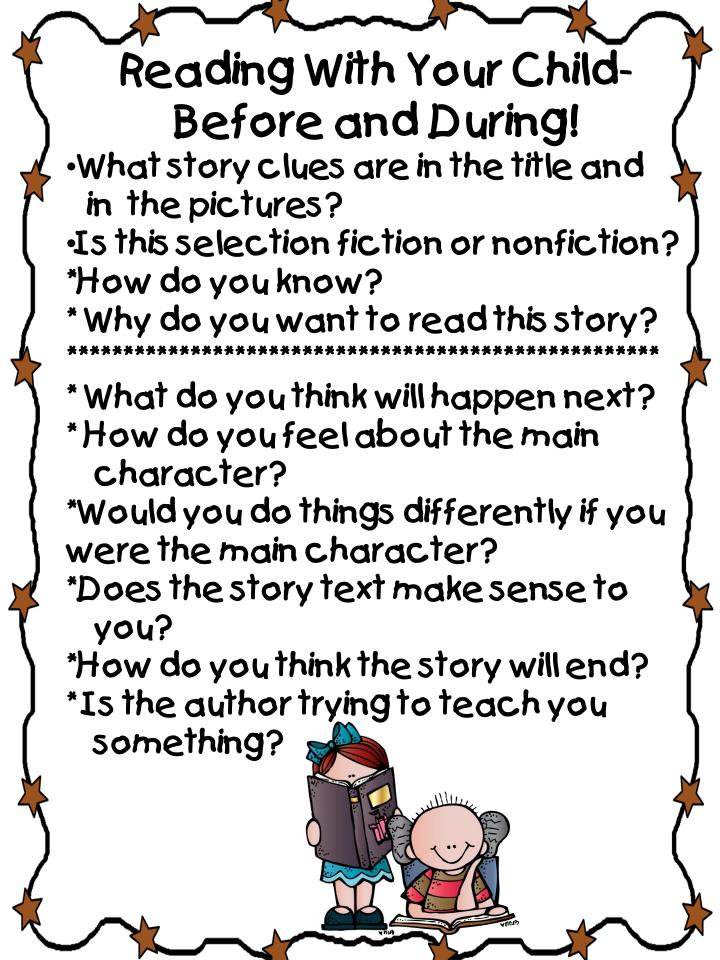
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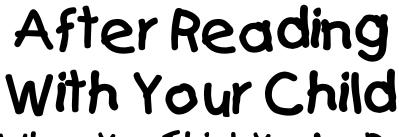
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When You Think You're Done,
You've Just Begun!
After enjoying a book with your child

After enjoying a book with your child, (whether he reads to you, or you read to him) continue the experience by asking:

- *How did the story make you feel?
- *What did you like or dislike about the story?
- •Does the story remind you of any other story?
- *What were you wondering as you read?
- *Does this book make you think of anything else you've read?
- *What was your favorite part?
- *Were there any parts that surprised you?
- *What are you going to read next?

Adapted from Johnson and Keier,
 "Catching Readers Before They Fall"