

# Questions to Ask Your Child While Reading

## Basic Questions:

- Who are the main characters?
- What is the main idea?
- What events have just happened?
- What is the author's purpose?
  - Persuade: the author is trying to make you do something (eat healthy, exercise, etc.)
  - Inform: the author is giving you information or facts about something
  - Entertain: the author is trying to make you laugh or just enjoy a story
- When did this happen?
- Where did this happen?
- What was the first thing that happened in the book?
- What happened in the middle of the book?
- What happened at the end of the book?
- What was one interesting fact that you learned?
- What was a problem that happened in the story?

## Deeper Thinking Questions:

- How did the character solve the problem?
- Why do you think the character did that?
- How do you think the character feels about \_\_\_\_\_?
- How do you think the character should solve the problem? What advice could you give them?
- What would you do if you were in the story right now?
- Explain how \_\_\_\_\_ does \_\_\_\_\_.
  - Example: Explain how we vote for a president.
  - Example: Explain how the seasons change.
  - Example: Explain why birds fly South during the winter.

## Application Questions:

- How is this like what happens in our house?
- How is this different from what happens in our house?
- What do you think is going to happen next?
- Which character is most like you? Why?
- What would you have done differently than the character?
- How does this book impact your life? What changes might you want to try to make?

Don't forget to ask them questions about any pictures and diagrams in the books as well!