Children 'learn to read' however in order for a child to 'read to learn' as they get older, it is essential your child has good comprehension skills. A skilled reader is someone who can not only read the words but also understand and discuss what they mean.

## Questions to ask before reading:

- What is the title of the book?
- What does the cover tell you about the book?
  What do you think the book is about?
- What are you curious to find out about this book?
- What do you already know about this book?
- What do you want to learn?
- Why are you reading this book?

## Questions to ask during reading:

- What do you think will happen next?
- What is the problem in the book?
- Who are the characters in the book?
- Why do you think the character did that?
- What does he/she/it look like?
- Why does the character think/feel....?
- What is happening/has happened?
- When you were reading this part, what were you picturing in your head?
- What do you think will happen next?

## Questions to ask after reading:

- Describe the setting of the story.
- Describe how a character changed throughout the book.
- Which of the characters did you like best? Why?
- What were some of the problems or situations the characters encountered?
- Tell me about a part that you liked or disliked? Why?

It is also very important for your child to be able to re tell the story in their own words. Children often find this the trickiest, so the more they practice the more confident they will feel





