

Reading



In today's Reading Cafe you had the opportunity to watch your child's class teacher model reading to you. You would have observed the following:

1. General questioning about books:

- What kind of book is this? How do you know?
- What do we find at the back of the book?
- Who writes a story? Who draws the pictures?

2. Prediction: Asking children questions about the book before the book is read, giving children an opportunity to predict what might happen.

- Who do you think the characters are in the story?
- Do you think they are good or bad characters? Why?
- What is the setting of the story? Where are they? How do you know?
- What do you think is going to happen in the story? Why?

3. Retrieval Questions: These are questions that are asked and the answers can be found in the text.

- Children can find information from the text about the main events of the story and recall basic information such as characters names.
- Children can answer questions making comments on the plot, setting of the story or answer questions about the characters in the story.

4. Inference Questions: These are questions where children have to interpret the information they have read to answer questions.

- Children think about how characters might be feeling and why.
- Children answer questions about why they think a character has done something or what a character might be thinking.
- Children can make a judgement on a character and comment on whether they think the character is a good or bad character.