



SETTING UP FOR ENVISIONING

WORK ON THIS WHILE YOU READ!

Third Graders, practice this reading skill! Envisioning – remember, that’s when you create a picture in your head of what is happening in the story. Practice envisioning by stopping to sketch! *What? Draw while I’m reading?* Yes! Try this! Before you begin to read, put a Post-it note in a few different spots in the section you plan to read. Pause when you get to a Post-it.

Ask yourself, “Does the text at the Post-it want me to envision?” If so, picture the setting. See the characters. And this time, picture yourself as the main character. In your mind, can you see what the character sees? Can you feel what the character feels? What do you see happening next? Then, sketch or jot on your Post-it to show what you saw in your mind.

“Or does the text at the Post-it want me to collect information instead?” If so, go back a few pages to where you had a strong movie going in your mind, and sketch that.

Why is envisioning important?

- **It is really important for readers to create pictures in their minds as they read.**
- **When you visualize a story, you let your imagination create the story as you see it.**
- **Visualizing will help you to have a better understanding of the stories you read.**

Envisioning Activities:

- **Picture the setting. What do you see? Draw where the story takes place in detail.**
- **Think of an important scene in the story. Draw what you pictured.**
- **Choose one of the characters and draw how you pictured them.**

