



THE MEADOWS SCHOOL

Lower School Independent Reading Program How to Engage with Your Reader

When parents ask questions during reading, it helps children become active readers and builds comprehension skills. Below is a list of several questions you can ask your children while they read:

- Who are the characters in the book? Are any of them more important than the others? How do you know?
- Describe/Explain to me where the book takes place.
- Describe one of the characters. What does he/she look like? How old are they? What words (adjectives) do you think best describe the character?
- What questions do you have about the story thus far?
- Why do you think the character did that? What would you have done?
- Tell me about a part in the book when something scary/exciting/sad/etc. happened.
- Tell me what the whole book is about in six sentences or less.
- Would you recommend this book to a friend? Why or why not?
- Is this book fiction or nonfiction? How can you tell?
- What do you think might happen (next) in this story?
- Does anything in this book seem familiar to you? Have you been in a similar situation or visited the same place?
- What do you already know about this topic? What are you wondering?
- How might the story be different if told from another character's point of view?
- Can you make up a different ending? Why would you make that change?
- Why do you think the author wrote this book?

Activities to use while reading with your children: www.fcrr.org/student-center-activities

Other resources for support: ReadingRockets.org and Scholastic.com