



From the Wildcat Den



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Coach's Corner

How do we make reading more interesting to students? We talk with kids about what they are reading and build connections with their world. Asking questions, making predictions, and comparing the story to the child's life builds engagement and excitement towards reading.

The Wildcat Trail Guide

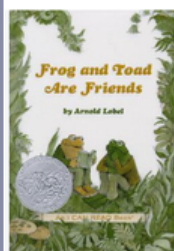
Follow these tips to help our wildcats love reading:

1. **Car ride conversations:** Ask questions such as "What is your favorite part of the book and why? What lesson or message do you think the author is trying to teach and how do you know?"
2. **Dinner table talk:** Ask students "If you could change one thing in the story, what would it be?" or "What character would you most likely be friends with and why?"
3. **Word wise:** Challenge your student to find a new or unusual word in the text and search for its meaning.
4. **Character counts:** Talk about the choices the characters made and how they felt.
5. **Look in the library:** See if the author has written other books. When kids find an author or a series they love, they will look forward to reading.



Prowling the Pages

Wildcats can't wait to get their paws on these books!



Frog and Toad are Friends
by Arnold Lobel

Join Frog and Toad, two best friends, as they go on adventures around the pond.



Ivy + Bean

by Annie Barrows

Two 7 year old neighbors become fast friends despite being total opposites.



Frindle

by Andrew Clements

A clever 5th grader invents a new word and changes the way his peers think about language.

Top Cat Tales

If you would like to share pictures of your wildcats reading at home, please send them to jthompson@fannin.k12.ga.us. I will share these on the EFES ClassDojo site at the beginning of each month.

Chew on this

"Any book that helps a child to form a habit of reading, to make reading one of his needs, is good for him." ---Maya Angelou