Reading is a Process:
Strategies to Use
Before, During & After Reading

**Before Reading**
- Discuss the title and cover art
- Make a prediction about the book
  - *I think this book will be about...*
- Read the blurb on the back
  - *I'm excited to read this book because...*
- Connect the topic of the book to other familiar information
  - *This reminds me of...*

**During Reading**
- Make personal connections to the characters or events
  - *The character reminds me of...*
- Predict what might happen next
- Discuss how the illustrations add to the story
- Discuss the characters’ emotions
  - *I think the character feels ____ because ___.*

**After Reading**
- Summarize the important parts that happened in the beginning, middle, and end of the story
- Discuss your favorite part of the story
  - *My favorite part of the book was...*
- Connect the characters, events, or ideas to another book you’ve read
  - *This story is similar to...*
- Discuss your opinion of the ending
  - *I liked/disliked the end because...*