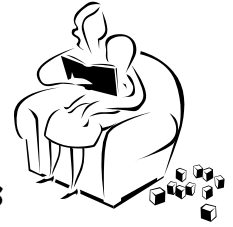




Parent Pipeline

for Emergent Readers



CAFÉ Strategy: Listen With Understanding

When listening to a story, many times children hear the words being read but do not understand. They are too busy looking at the pictures or thinking other thoughts, and forget to take the time to think about what is being read. If they continue to do this, they will lose the desire to read because they will be unaware that text holds meaning. As children advance as readers, they can develop the habit of reading through text without monitoring their understanding of the story being told.

Listen with understanding is a comprehension strategy that teaches children to stop frequently to think about if they understand what is being read. Knowing a story is written to tell us or teach us something, helps a beginning reader to think about the text as they listen to a story. Emergent readers should stop often when being read to, and answer “who” the story is about and “what” is happening.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. When reading to your child, stop periodically and say, “We are going to check and see if we remember what was just read. Think about who the story was about and what happened. What do you remember?” Do this 3 or 4 times throughout the story.
2. When reading to your child, stop and have them check their listening skills by saying, “I heard you read...” You may want to provide your child with a question before reading a selection so they can tune in to find the answer.
3. Ask your child the following questions:
 - Do you understand what is going on in the story?
 - Who is the story about?
 - What just happened?
 - Was your brain talking to you while you listened? What were you thinking?
 - Do you have any questions about what is going on?
 - What do you do if you don't remember?

Thank you for your continued support at home!