



# The Texas PTA SMART Program



Start Meeting And Reading Together

## Read Aloud Tips and Questions

Remember only ask questions based on your children's interests and age level.

### Questions before reading

Introduce the author of the book through discussion.

Remember how much we enjoyed \_\_\_\_\_ by this author? Do you remember what we liked about that story? Here's another book by him/her. Let's read this one and see if we like it as well as the other book we read.

Show the cover of the book. Ask children what they think the title might be and what the story will be about. Discuss what they know about the topic.

Provide information about the setting, characters, and where the story takes place.

### Questions during reading

Ask your children to name objects in the story.

Have your child predict what will happen next.

Ask them what they think about the character.

Why do you think the author used that word?

What part of the story helped you predict the ending?

What makes him or her a character you like?

Ask your child why he or she thinks a character acted in a certain way.

Does this story remind you of any other story you've read?

Help your child summarize a story using these five questions:

Who or what is the story about?

What happens first, next, and how does the story end?

## Questions after reading

How would you feel or what would you do if this happened to you?

When or where does the story take place?

What was the main idea?

Tell me 3 to 5 important details from the story.

Did you like the story? Why or why not?

Who was your favorite character and why?

Retell the story in your own words.

Draw a picture illustrating the story.

Write a short paragraph to summarize the story.

What do you think might happen in the next section or chapter?

Make up 5 “wh-” questions about the story — “Who? What? When? Where? Why?”

Was any part of the story confusing to you?

Did this remind you of any other story you’ve read? Which one and why?

What did you learn from the story that you didn’t know before?

Help children make connections between the events in the story and their own lives.

Review the story components, such as the setting, main character’s problem, or how the problem was resolved.