

## **Book Talk**

*Here are some questions you can ask your child about their reading. Choose a few each night to engage in conversation with your child about their nightly independent reading.*

### **Before Reading:**

-Look at the title, cover, and illustrations/pictures. What do you think will happen in this book?

-What makes you think that?

-What characters do you think might be in the book?

-Do you think there will be a problem in the story? Why?

-What do you already know about the topic of this book?

-Does the topic or story relate to you or your family? How?

-Do you think it will be like any other book you've read? If so, which one, and how do you think it will be similar?

### **During Reading:**

-What has happened so far in the story? Can you tell me using sequence words? (first, then, next, after, finally, etc.)

-What do you predict will happen next?

-How do you think the story will end?

-Why do you think the character did \_\_\_\_\_?

-What would you have done if you were the character?

-How would you have felt if you were the character?

-When you read, what pictures did you see in your head? What did you use to help you imagine it?

-What are you wondering about as you read? What questions do you have?

-Think about the predictions you made before reading. Do you still think the story will go that way? Why or why not? How do you think it will go now?

### **After Reading:**

-Why is the title a good title for the book/story? If you had to give it a different title, what would be another good title for it?

-Were your predictions correct? Where did you have to fix your prediction as you read?

-If there was a problem, did it get solved? How did the character try to solve the problem?

-What happened because of the problem?

-Did any of the characters change throughout the story? Who changed, and how did they change?

-Why do you think the author wrote this?

-What is the most important point that the author is trying to make in his/her writing?

-What was your favorite part? Why?

-If you could change one part, what would you change?

-If you could ask the author a question, what would you ask?

-Can you retell the story in sequence order? (first, second, then, next, etc.)

-Is there a character in the story that reminds you of someone you know? If so, who are they like, and why do you think that?

-Does the book remind you of another book you know? Does it remind you of something you've experienced in real life?

**For Fun:** Have your child act out a scene from the book, draw you a picture of their favorite part, or write a follow-up story. They can pretend they are a book reviewer reviewing the book on TV or they can write a letter or postcard to the author. There are many creative ways to engage children in reading and have them share their reading with you.