Comprehension Task Cards

Task cards to help support your child’s comprehension skills.

Choose a book that you would like to read with your child.

It might be easier to choose a story that you have not read before, or at least not often, so that your child can make predictions and not use memory.
Task Card #1

BEFORE THE STORY

Connect:
Brief discussion about personal connections and experiences
- Possible prompts to promote conversation/discussion
  o What do you know about...
  o Have you ever been to/done...
  o What do you remember about...

Predict:
Read the title and look at the cover
- Possible prompts to promote conversation/discussion
  o What do you think the story might be about?
  o Who might be in the story?
  o What might happen?
  o Where does the story take place?
  o Can you tell when the story happens?
Task Card #2

DURING THE STORY (Comprehension strategies)

Predict:
Read a little of the story out loud, pause and have them think about what might happen next.
- Do this during the story as it is appropriate.
  - Possible prompts:
    o What do you think will happen next/now?
    o What made you think this?
    o Describe what is happening here.
    o What has happened so far?

Confirm:
- Possible prompts:
  o Were you right?
  o What was different?
  o When “this” happened, our prediction changed to...
Task Card #3

AFTER THE STORY (Comprehension strategies)

Confirm predictions:
Discuss the ending and predictions made before and during the story.
- Possible prompts:
  o Were you right?
  o What changed?
  o What was different than we thought?
  o What happened? Why?
  o What other way could the story have ended?

Retell:
- Retell the story in sequence.
  o Include who/what/where/when/why?
- Take turns to retell each event in the story.
Task Card #4

AFTER THE STORY (Activities)

Choose 1 activity to complete together with your child. This will be turned in when we get back to school to show that you completed the tasks and activity.

Choice 1:
- What is your favorite part from the story?
  - Draw a picture of your favorite part.
  - Write a sentence about your favorite part.

Choice 2:
- Sequence the story. Draw a picture for each:
  - Beginning
  - Middle
  - End

Choice 3:
- BEFORE YOU READ – Predict.
- AFTER YOU READ – were you right?
  - When you make your prediction before reading, write it down or draw a picture of it.
  - After you finish the story, write about whether your predictions were correct or not. How?

Choice 4:
- If you were the author, how would you have ended the story?
  - Write a new ending for the story you read.