Questions for FICTION Stories

Before reading:

Looking at the title, cover and illustration. 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 problem in the story? Why?

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

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?

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

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, how did the character try to solve the problem?

What happened because of the problem?

Did any of the characters change through 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 (use your fingers and sequence words: first, second, then, next, etc.)

For added FUN:

Have them act out a scene from the book, draw you a picture of their favorite part to decorate the refrigerator, 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 students in reading and have them share their reading with you!

Non-Fiction Questions

* What fact(s) did you enjoy learning about the most?
* Of the information you learned, which would you like to share with someone else?
* Would you like to read more books about this topic? Why?
* What else would you like to learn about this topic?
* What pictures or illustrations did you find interesting? Why?
* Is this book like any other book that you have read?
* If so, how are they alike? How are they different?
* Which one did you like better? Why?
* What kind of research do you think the author had to do to write this book?
* What questions would you ask the author if you ever met him/her?
* How can you learn more about this topic?
* Would the book be different if it had been written 10 years ago?
* Did you discover anything that may help you outside school?