

Midway Reading Tip of the Month

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If your finding that your child is struggling with reading you may want to try one or more of these tips.

Preview: Look at the title, pictures, captions, headings, bold words, and other text features.

- What does it look like this book might be about?
- What is it that helps you think the way you do about the book?

Learn Vocabulary: What does this word mean? Should I skip it? (NO!) Can you say the word? Can you tell someone else what it means?

- If you are not sure read the words around the word. Do you know what it means now?
- If you still don't know look it up in a dictionary or look in a Thesaurus for Synonyms (words that mean the same) or Antonyms (words that are opposite) for the word you don't know.

Summarize: What have you read about? What was the most important part?

Shorter than the text.

Use your own words

Main ideas only

- For struggling readers ask for a summary of what was read more frequently (every page or two) and if don't know go back and read and discuss as you read along.

Last Month's Tip:

What is Fluency? Fluency is the ability to read smoothly and automatically, with expression and attention to punctuation. It includes Pace, Phrasing, intonation and punctuation.