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**Reading to children promotes school readiness. Asking children questions about the stories you read helps with this. Here are some specific questions that readers can ask children to get them thinking and talking about stories. Start slow -- point to the pictures and give the answers yourself to begin. Slowly work up to having the child answer the questions when you ask them.**

**1. BEFORE** reading a book, look at the pages and pictures and talk.....

**Ask/Instruct/Help using any that apply:**

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| a. How do you hold a book? Show me.   | f. Point to the 1 <sup>st</sup> page of the book.  |
| b. Point to the cover, the back of the book (spine), and the author's name. | g. Point to the 1 <sup>st</sup> word of the book.  |
| c. What's the title of the book?  | h. Will you turn the pages for me when we read?  |
| d. Who's the author/writer of the book?                                     | i. Do you have a (dog, cat, anything from the story)/ Have you seen a (dog, cat, anything from the story)? |
| e. What do you think the book is going to be about?                         | j. Have you seen anything like this before?  |

**2. DURING** reading, pause to ask questions.....

**Ask/Instruct/Help using any that apply:**

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| a. Where should I read next? (have the child tell you to turn the page) | f. When is the story happening?               |
| b. Where is the page number?  | g. What/who does this remind you of?          |
| c. Can you follow what I am reading with your finger?                   | h. Why did the character do that?             |
| d. Where is the first letter in this line/word?                         | i. What do you think is going to happen next? |
| e. Where is the story happening?  | j. Have you seen anything like this before?   |
|   | k. How does this character feel?              |
|   | l. Have you ever felt that way before?        |

**3. AFTER READING** the book, review the story by talking about the book.....

**Ask/Instruct/Help using any that apply:**

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| a. Who was the story about?          | i. Did the character make good choices?   |
| b. Where did the story happen?       | j. What did you learn from the story? (Was there a moral?)                            |
| c. When did the story happen?        | k. What was your favorite part/page?  |
| d. What happened in the story?       | l. Which picture did you like the best? Which picture did you NOT like the best? Why? |
| e. What happened after that?         | m. What would you have done if you were in the story?                                 |
| f. What else happened?               |   |
| g. How did the story end?            |   |
| h. Did the character learn anything? |   |