Connect at a Special Time Each Day
Connect in a Special Place
Connect through Media and Text
Connect through Interaction

Ask Questions

Before, during, and after reading with your child, take time to talk about the main ideas and information in the book you read together. Remember to validate your child’s thinking and interests, and to give your child ample time to think about as well as respond to your questions.

Before Reading:

*What are you thinking this book might be about based on the title and cover?*
*What do you know about this topic?*
*What do you want to know more about?*
*What are you wondering now?*

During Reading:

*What are you thinking about the information you just read? Show me in the text.*
*What else are you curious about?*
*Can you explain what you just learned about that topic?*

After Reading:

*Turn to an interesting part of this text, read it, and tell me why it’s interesting to you.*
*What is the main idea of this part/text?*
*Tell me what you’re still wondering about this topic.*
*Why do you think the author wrote this? What is his/her purpose?*

The purpose of reading nonfiction text is to:

- Acquire information & satisfy curiosity
- Understand our world more fully
- Make connections to our lives and learning
- Have fun

**REMINDER:** When reading most informational texts, students can begin reading the section that is most interesting to them.