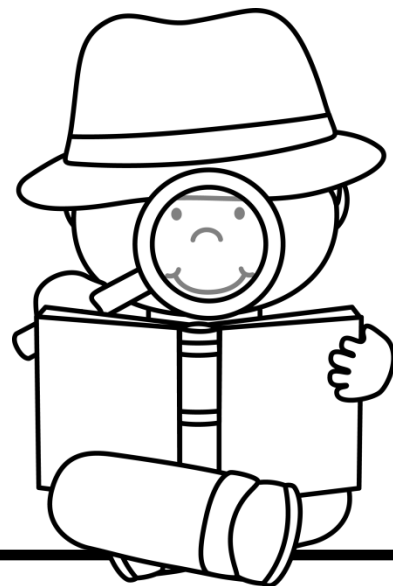


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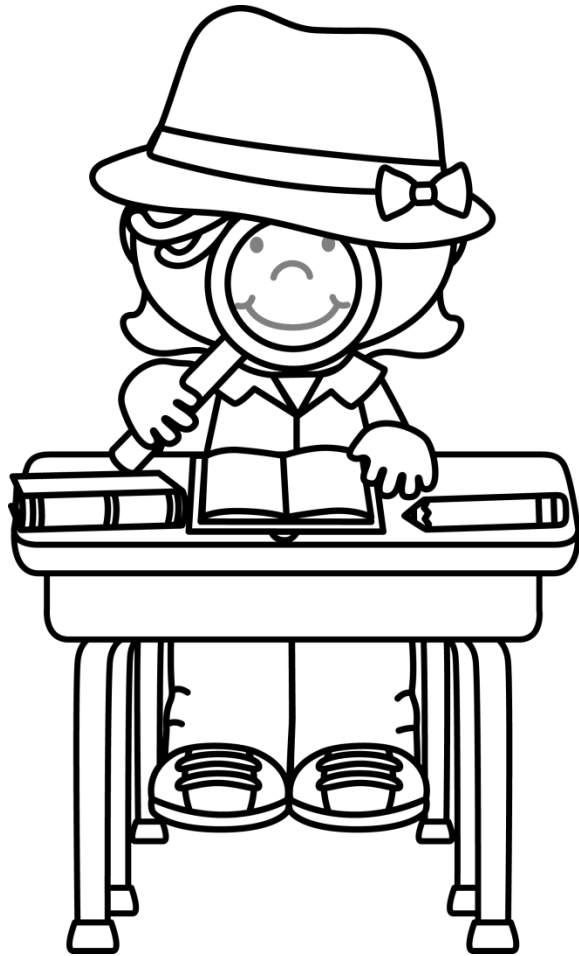
1. Ask your child questions before they read a book, while they are reading, and after they finish reading.
2. When your child answers a question, encourage him/her to support the answer. This can be done by using the phrase "I think this because" followed by evidence from the text.
3. Place post-it notes randomly in a book. Encourage your child to stop and write his/her thinking when s/he comes to each post-it note. Some prompts could be:
 - "I wonder..."
 - "I predict..."
 - "I noticed..."
 - "I learned..."
4. Encourage your child to gain information from multiple sources. S/he can do this through choosing a topic and finding information from multiple books, websites, and videos. S/he should use a journal or paper to keep track of any growth or changes in his/her schema (what s/he knows about a given topic).
5. Encourage your child to think deeply about characters in stories. Some possible topics could be:
 - How the character is feeling
 - Problems the character is facing.
 - How the character is trying to solve the problems.
 - How your child might handle the same situation.
 - What lesson the character learned



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6. As your child is reading or after finishing a text, remind your child that authors write with a purpose. Talk about why the author wrote that text. It could be one or more of the following:
- To teach facts or information
 - To entertain
 - To teach a life lesson
 - To persuade the reader to think a certain way
7. After reading a story, ask your child what lesson or message the author was trying to teach the reader. Some examples are:
- Never Give Up
 - Respect Others
 - Friendship
 - Be Kind
 - Have Courage
 - Acceptance Others
 - Be Responsible
 - Be Honesty
 - Compassion



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