



Lincoln Learns the Core...

Text Dependent Questions

One of the ways you can help your child deepen their reading comprehension skills is by asking them questions that rely on evidence from what they've read to respond. These are called Text Dependent Questions and are important because they address a very critical skill our children need to have as we transition to the common core state standards...the skill of ***using the text to answer questions about key ideas and elements of a text or story.*** The following are some Text Dependent Questions you can use at home when you're reading with your child.

1. Can you tell me the important things that happened in the story?
2. Who are the characters in the story? What do you know about them?
3. How did the characters solve the problem in this story?
4. What happened to the characters that is the same? What is different?
5. Can you find an illustration or part of the story that shows the setting?
6. How does the diagram/image help you understand what you are reading?
7. Can you tell me how these two events are linked together? (cause/effect, time order)
8. Can you find the reason why the author thinks that...? Can you find the reason why the author believes...?
9. What does the author want you to learn from this text or story?
10. What lesson is this story teaching you?