Good Reasons to Abandon Books

- The book is too easy – it doesn’t make me think
- The book is too hard – I don’t understand what is happening
  - I don’t like the topic
  - The book is boring
- I found another book I like better
  - I don’t like the genre
  - I don’t like the author
- I’m just abandoning it for now – I will read it later

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Buzzing About Books

• Sit close.
• Listen actively.
• Whisper.
• Take turns talking.
• Ask questions.
• Pay attention.
• TALK! (ONLY about books!)
Fluency is...

• Reading smoothly, like you are talking
• Reading at a good pace
• Reading with expression
What Good Readers Do

• Read every day.
• Read “just right” books.
• Reread some stories.
• Use reading strategies when they come to words they don’t know.
• Think about what they already know to help them understand.
• Take good care of books.
• Make connections to stories.
• Make pictures in their minds (visualize).
• Make predictions.
• Ask questions.
• Use pictures to help them understand what is happening.
• Think about what they have read.
• Refresh their memory from the day before by rereading a little bit.
What **Independent Reading** Looks Like . . .

- Read, think or write about your reading the whole time.
- Whispering voices only (& always about reading!)
- Stay in one spot
- Keep your eyes & mind on your book.
- Read “just right” books most of the time.
- The teacher is busy reading with students.
Biographies

• Tells about a person’s life.
• The book is not about the author.
• Includes facts about a person.
• Could have a timeline of their life.
• Tells why the person is important.
• Tells what the world learned from this person’s life.
• Might include real photographs.

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What we learn from biographies:

- Birthdate
- Birthplace
- Childhood Events
- Education
- Influences
  - Family
  - Milestones
- Accomplishments
- Date of death
- Cause of death
- Impact

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Biographies
Text Features

- table of contents
- headings
- bold words
- photographs
- map
- diagram
- time line
- labels
- captions
- interesting facts
- glossary
- index

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Biographies

When will I take notes?

• When I learn an important fact about the person.

• When the person I am reading about does something important.

• When I am thinking: “I WONDER...?”

• When I find new vocabulary words.

• When I make a new picture in my mind that helps me understand what I am reading.

• When I feel something about what I am reading.
When I am reading independently in our small group and I get stuck, I can...

• reread once or twice to see if I understand better

• talk to a friend and ask a question

• try to make connections to see if it helps me understand

• highlight or underline words I don't know so that I can ask my teacher
Fluent Readers

Read with expression!
*Readers should think about a character’s feelings and pay attention to punctuation.*

Focus on rate.
*Readers should read like they talk.*

Read in phrases.
*Readers should not read word for word.*

Think about meaning.  *Does what I’m reading make sense?*
Informational Text

Noticings

- teach or inform
- has facts
- table of contents
- headings
- bold words (vocabulary)
- maps
- charts
- photographs
- fast facts
- labels
- captions
- glossary
- index
Author’s Purpose
(for informational texts)

• to teach about a topic
• to explain how to do something
• to explain why something happens
• to show how things are alike and different
• to teach how to solve a real life problem

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Text Structures

for informational text

- time order or sequence  the text tells a list of steps or events
- problem/solution  the text gives information about a problem and then tells one or more solutions
- cause & effect  the text tells about an event (cause) and the effects that follow the event
- compare/contrast  the text talks about similarities and differences between two subjects
- description/list  the text gives details about something
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When do I stop and take notes?

• When I learn something new.

• When I am thinking: “I WONDER...?”

• When I find new vocabulary words.

• When I make a new picture in my mind that helps me understand what I am reading.

• When I have a feeling about what I am reading.
## Character Traits

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Fairy Tales
Noticings

- A make-believe story
- Has magic or spells
- Passed down by word of mouth over the years
- Animals act like humans
- Begin with once upon a time
- End with happily ever after
- Has a villain or trickster
  - Has good guys
- Might have princes and princesses
- Takes place in a castle or forest
  - Groups of 3 or 7
  - A kind character is mistreated
What is retelling?

Retelling is sharing a story in your own words.

A retelling has...

- characters
- setting
- plot (problem, events, solution)
- point of view

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- **setting**: Where does the story take place?
- **plot**: What are the events in the story? What is the problem and solution?
- **point of view**: Who is telling the story?
Who is in the story?

characters
Where does the story take place?

setting
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What is the message?

A message is the moral or lesson learned in the story.

- Never give up
- Be patient
- Be brave
- Never give up hope
- Work first, play later
- Actions have consequences
- Don’t judge others
- It is ok to make a mistake, as long as you fix it
- Listen to your leader
- Believe in yourself
- Two wrongs don’t make a right
- Practice makes perfect
- Beauty is only skin-deep
HOW DO WE RESPOND?

Restate it!
Answer it!
Cite it!
Explain it!

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Words to help me cite the text because...

for instance...

for example...

according to what I read...

I knew the character felt ________ because...

on page _____ it said...

the character said...

the character’s actions were...

the author said...

from the book, I know that...
Explain Your Thinking

Tell WHY! Tell why you chose the evidence.

this shows....
this explains...
now I understand...
according to what I read...

this means...
this proves...
I believe...
now I know... I feel...

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Response Checklist

☐ I restated the question

☐ I answered the question.

☐ I cited the evidence I found in the text.

☐ I explained how the evidence helped me.