Good Reasons

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

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 C 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 Noticings

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.





Utable of contents headings **bold words** Dephotographs **D**map diagram **U**time line **Captions** Interesting facts glossary lindex

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

- 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

Text Structures

for informational text

- time order or sequence the text tells a list of steps or events
 - ന problem/solution the text gives information about 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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text structure	what it means	clue words	visual
time order or sequence	the text tells a list of steps or events	before, followed by, finally, first, second, third, next, last, eventually	first second last
problem and solution	the text gives information about a problem and then explains one or more solutions	concern, solve, prevent, so that, the answer, one reason is, challenge, help	problem solution
cause and effect	the text tells about an event (cause) and the effects that follow the event	this led to, as a result, so that, due to, so, for this reason, in order to	effect 1 effect 2 effect 3
compare and contrast	the text tells about similarities and differences between two subjects	like, unlike, also, similar, different, too, however, same as, although, as well as	
description or list	the text gives details about something	one example, also, another, to begin with, on top of, in addition	detail detail — topic — detail detail

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.

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Character Traits

(list 1)

afraid annoyed angry bored bossy brave careful calm clumsy concerned curious dishonest excited silly smart embarrassed disrespectful fair friendly funny grateful gentle giving greedy grouchy happy helpful honest hopeful jealous lonely lazy lucky noisy mean

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(list 2) angry bored brilliant cheerful concerned curious disrespectful excited fearless funny grateful happy hopeful independent intelligent lazy mean smart

annoyed bossy calm clever confident daring foolish gentle greedy helpful imaginative lonely mysterious embarrassed

Fairy Tales

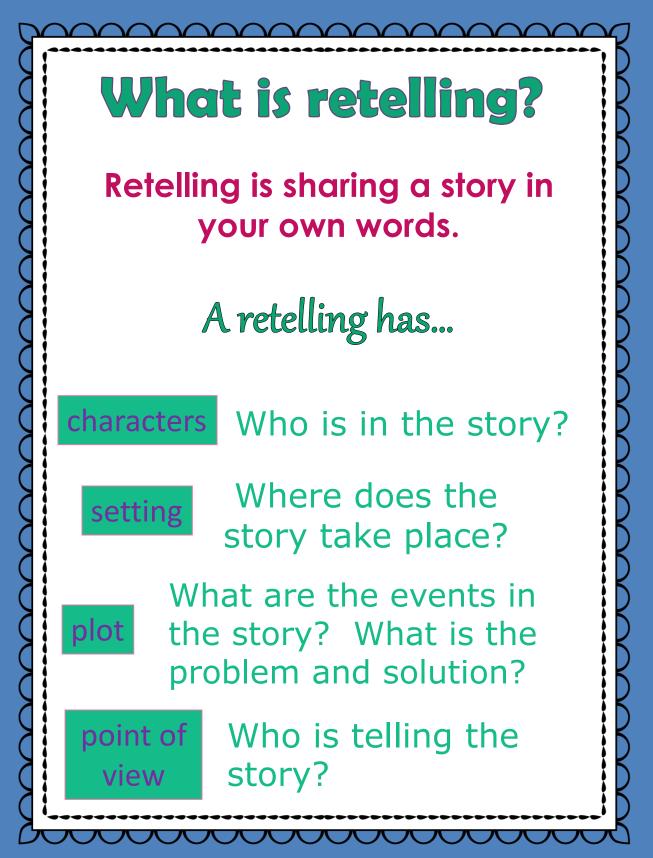
- A make-believe story
 - Has magic or spells
- Passed down by word of mouth over the

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







Where does the story take place?

setting







Point of View

