

Student Close-Reading, Grades K-2

1. Listen as the teacher reads aloud to the class.
2. Now, read on your own and do the following while you read:
 - Use a pencil to write important information about characters and events as you read
 - Write down words you do not know. Include the sentence that uses the word.
 - Circle words and phrases that don't make sense
 - Use a question mark to show where you have questions or are confused.
 - Write important details in the margin.
 - Draw pictures that come to mind as you read.
3. Find something that happened in the reading that reminded you of something else. Think about the following:
 - Who you know that one of the characters reminds you of.
 - What places are you reminded about?
 - Something one of the characters did that made you think about something else.
4. Write 2 or 3 sentences telling about what happened in the reading or the story. Tell about something that happened that was most important to you.

5. Read what you wrote to a partner.

