Questions to Ask your Child About a Book

***Before*** *your child reads a book, ask:*

* Why did you select this book?
* What makes you think this book is going to be interesting?
* What do you think the book is going to be about?
* Does this book remind you of anything else you have already read or seen?
* What kind of characters do you think will be in the book?
* What do you think is going to happen?

***While*** *your child is reading a book, try asking:*

* Will you catch me up on the story? What’s happened so far?
* What do you think will happen next?
* If you were that character, what would you have done differently in that situation?
* If the book was a TV show, which actors would you cast in it?
* If the main character in that story lived next door, would you be friends?
* What does the place look like in your head as you read? Would you want to visit there?
* Did you learn any new words or facts so far?

**After** *your child has finished the book, ask questions like:*

* What was your favorite part? Why?
* Who was your favorite character? Why?
* What was the most interesting thing you learned from the book?
* Why do you think the author wrote this book?
* Would you have ended the book differently? Did it end the way you thought it would?