

READING A STORY WITH YOUR STUDENTS

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Recommendations

A. Enjoy

- a. Maintain the possibility for enjoyment, awe, and wonder.
- b. Remember: Children should be plunged into the world created by the story.

B. Slow Down

- a. How many students are confused simply because we read too quickly?
- b. Less is more; read fewer stories, and read them well; make them “stick”

C. Pre-teach Words*

- a. Which words?
 - i. Important words
 - ii. Frequent words
 - iii. Confusing words
 - iv. Interesting/unusual words

D. Ask Questions*

- a. Focus on key passages
 - i. Transitions
 - ii. Changes
 - iii. Growth
 - iv. Decisions

E. Model Thinking*

- a. Let the students hear what a mature reader does while reading.

F. Write*

- a. Focus on summarizing key points.

*Don't overdo it!