The CAFE Menu™

Comprehension
I understand what I read

Strategies

Check for Understanding

Back up and Reread

Monitor and Fix Up

Retell the story

Use prior knowledge to connect with text

Make a picture or mental image

Ask questions throughout the reading process

Predict what will happen, use text to confirm

Infer and support with evidence

Use text features (titles, headings, captions, graphic features)

Summarize text, include sequence of main events

Use main idea and supporting details to determine importance

Determine and analyze author's purpose and support with text

Recognize literary elements (genre, plot, character, setting, problem/resolution)

Recognize and explain cause and effect relationships

Compare and contrast within and between text

Accuracy
I can read the words

Strategies

Cross Checking… Do the pictures and/or words look right? Does it sound right? Does it make sense?

Use the picture… Do the words and pictures match?

Use beginning sounds and ending sounds

Blend sounds, stretch and read

Flip the sounds

Chunk letters and sounds together

Skip the word then come back

Trade a word/guess a word that makes sense

Fluency
I can read accurately, with expression and understand what I read

Strategies

Voracious Reading

Reread text

Read appropriate level texts that are a "Good Fit"

Practice common sight words and high frequency words

Adjust and apply different reading rates to match text

Use punctuation to enhance phrasing and prosody (end marks, commas etc)

Expand Vocabulary
I know, find and use interesting words

Strategies

Voracious Reading

Tune in to interesting words and use new vocabulary in my speaking and writing

Use pictures, illustrations and diagrams

Use word parts to determine meaning of words (prefixes, suffixes, origins, abbreviations)

Use prior knowledge and context to predict and confirm meaning

Ask someone to define the word for you

Use dictionaries, thesauruses and glossaries as tools

Behaviors That Support Reading

Get started right away   Stay in one place   Work quietly   Read the whole time   Increase stamina   Select and read "Good Fit" books