

November Café Reading Strategy

Use the Picture...

Do the Words and Pictures Match



Owl Eyes

Look at the pictures for clues!

An important accuracy strategy good readers use to help gain meaning from text is to **use the pictures** and ask “**Do the words and pictures match?**”. Pictures help to confirm that the words being read make sense. Illustrations can provide hints to help students decode a word. **Using the pictures** is a **necessary** strategy to help children prepare for other strategies they use as they become more developed readers. It is important to model the effectiveness of **using pictures** to help decode words and to gain meaning and not think of it as cheating. Children need to feel comfortable using this strategy and know it is “okay” to use the pictures when reading.

How can you help your child with this strategy at home?

1. Start with beginning reading books that only have a few words on the page. The pictures give clear support for figuring out the meaning and the words.
2. Picture Walk- Cover up the words on a page and have your child “read” the story to you by “reading” the pictures. After your child tells you what happened on the page, uncover the words and read the page. This supports the idea that pictures can help tell the story.
3. When reading a picture book with your child, spend time modeling how you look at pictures, maps, and graphs. Talk about your thinking so your child can hear your thought process. Be sure to model stopping while you are reading to look at the pictures and gain meaning.
4. Be sure to read captions, graphs, maps, and charts. It is a powerful nonfiction reading strategy.

Thank you for your continued support at home!