Guided Questions for Independent Reading

The following questions will help your child think about his/her reading. These questions focus on higher level thinking skills and implicit ideas. As your child answers the questions, you will gain insight into his/her thinking. You can ask any of these questions during your child's independent reading time at home. There is no need for the answers to be written.

- How does the character feel about...?
- What is (name a character) concerned about?
- Describe the relationship between...
- Does this character remind you of any other characters? How?
- What has the author done to build suspense in this chapter?
- What do you predict will happen in the next chapter? Why do you think this?
- What does the author do to make you want to continue reading?
- What do you think is most important about what you just read?
- Was there anything about what you just read that surprised you?
- What do you think the author is trying to tell us about ...?
- What do you hope to find out in this chapter? What did you find out?
- What do you think the focus of the next chapter will be?
- What do you think it means when...?
- What would happen if...?