



Bee in the Know!

Want to know how to help your child?

Practice these skills and vocabulary daily!

- **Main Idea:** “What mostly happened?” “What was/is the gist?” Example: We spent most of our day working on our writing report.
- **Details:** Practice describing small, but important items that effect other things throughout the day.
- **Inference:** Prompt your child to put pieces of different scenarios together to come up with a new idea. Example: Joe was out of school today. He looked flushed and had a runny nose yesterday. I infer he was out sick today with a cold.
- **Summarize:** Prompt your child to give you a quick retelling of their day, focusing on the most important parts!
- **Sequence:** Ask your child what happened throughout their day using words such as, first, next, then, lastly!
- **Cause and Effect:** Ask your child to explain to you why situations happened and the result of what happened!
- **Fact & Opinion:** Practice giving your child opinions followed by facts to back it up! Use words like, “I think ___ because”, “This is best ___ because”. Quiz them on if they can differentiate a fact from opinion!
- **Compare and Contrast:** Hold discussions with your child on how things are similar and different. Ask them to compare two things (similar) and compare (different). Example: 4th and 5th grade are similar, but 9th grade is much different because...
- **Tone:** Practice using different tones and language with your child often. When using different tones ask your child to describe the feeling they get based off the sound of your voice and words you are saying.
- **Visualize:** Read aloud to your child and ask them to describe what they're seeing in their mind. Be sure they use descriptive language! Ask them to paint a “mental picture”.
- **5 W's:** Ask your child questions using the 5 W's – WHO was there, WHAT happened, WHERE did it happen, WHEN did it happen, WHY did it happen and HOW did everyone feel?

Practice using this vocabulary in daily conversations so your child is able to identify and reinforce different skills daily!