# Guided Reading Skills List

### **Directionality Skills**

Front and back of book

Turn pages from beginning one at a time

Locate the title

Locate the first word, second word, third word...

Turn the page after the last word on the page

Answer questions: where is the title? Where is the first page we read? Where is the last page? What do we do when we get to the last word on a page?

## **Picture Clues/Cues Skills**

Identify the picture.

Use the pictures to help read the text

Make predictions based on the pictures

Read facial language in the characters

Infer what is happening in the pictures

Make sense of what is happening in the picture

Explain how the picture relates to the text

## Comprehension Skills

Main Idea

**Understanding Cause and Effect** 

Summarizing

Determining author's purpose

Making inferences

Distinguishing facts from opinions

Distinguishing fantasy from reality

Use contextual clues

Make inferences

**Draw conclusions** 

Understand figurative and literal

**Understand characters** 

Determine the setting and plot

Make connections

Determine the main idea

Understand sequence

Determine point of view

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## Comprehension Continued

Use supporting facts

Visualizing

Determining relevance and importance

Questioning

#### One to One Pointing

Early readers follow word by word as each word is said

Knows to hold finger on words longer when they are multi-syllables

Point to requested words

Point to requested pictures

Points to all words—no omissions

## **Decoding Skills**

Knows initial sounds

Knows ending sounds

Knows parts of word

Knows prefixes and suffixes

Sounds out unknown words appropriately

Knows words with blends and digraphs at beginning and ending of words (ch, sh, th, pl, sl, ch...)

When sounding out doesn't work, uses context or the picture to determine the word

Knows high frequency words (and, the, it, a, go, to, see...)

Knows similar sounding words (at -mat, sat, fat, I know at so this must be sat...)

#### **Context Clues**

Knowing when a word makes sense or not

Re-reading a phrase to catch a possible error

Knowing if a word sounds wrong

Self-correcting when something doesn't sound right

Backing up, re-reading to make sure it is right

Making logical substitutions for unknown words

Uses guess and check

Reads ahead to determine what an unknown word may be

Uses the picture clues to make sense of text

#### **Fluency**

Reads at a steady pace vs a word by word fashion

Pauses at commas

Ends at a period at starts at the new sentence

Pays attention to all punctuation marks while reading

Reads phrases smoothly and quickly

Repeats phrases to improve speed

Reads with confidence

Reads accurately without hesitation

Reading speed is appropriate for the developmental level

Uses accurate decoding and pronunciation

## **Responding to Text**

Make logical predictions

Use personal background information to relate to text

Relate to text with personal experiences and background information

Reflect on text read (I wonder...this makes me think of...reminds me of...)

Wonder about certain aspects

Make connections

Predict

Re-tell parts of the text

Determine what they liked, what they didn't like and why

Discuss vocabulary

Describe favorite parts, characters