CATEGORY: Reading

IDEA: Predicting

When you invite children to predict before and during reading, you...

- Explain that reading is drawing meaning from text.
- Show them how to use background knowledge to make meaning.
- Invite them to discuss literature.

How you can do this ...

- Introduce the book, discussing the title, author, and illustrator.
- Have your child look at the cover and predict the story’s plot. Ask questions such as:
  - Does the cover give any clues about what might happen in the story? What are they?
- Invite your child to look at each picture. Ask questions about the pictures, such as:
  - What do you think is happening here? Why?
- Have your child read the book to you. As you read together, stop at certain points so your child can predict. As questions such as:
  - What do you think will happen next? Why?
  - Do you think there will be a problem in this story? What kind of problem?
  - What do you think the main character will do?
  - What do you think will happen at the end of the story?
  - Do you think this decision will get the main character into trouble? Why?