

A school-wide program...



April



Reading Strategy

Dear Parents,

Our school's comprehension strategy is focusing on **MAKING INFERENCES** this month. At school we use an "Inferring Iguana" as a visual cue to help us remember this strategy. The definition of an inference is using story information and combining it with what you already know (previous knowledge). This will allow the reader to better understand what is happening in the story. Below are some questions and ideas to prompt your child as they read to help him/her with this strategy:

- What is happening in the text?
- Are there clues as to how the character may feel?
- What do I already know about this topic?
- What can I conclude based upon clues from the text and my own previous knowledge?
- Remember to use your summarizing and retell strategy.

On the BACK SIDE of this sheet is an example of one activity that can be used while your child is using the inferential thinking strategy. It is strongly encouraged for your child to complete this with a book of his/her choice. This can be copied into an at-home reading journal to encourage your child to do the reading activity more than once throughout the month. The more practice, the more confident your child will feel in using this strategy☺.

Making Inferences

Story Clues	+	What I Know	=	Inference