Book Share Card - Nonfiction

Reading nonfiction material can be challenging to many students. Encourage your child to study photographs, maps, charts and graphs and read the captions to these visual forms of information. These activities help readers activate prior knowledge about the content, learn essential vocabulary, and set purposes for their reading. Fluent readers monitor their comprehension while they read. Support your child by encouraging them to ask questions while they read. Check to make sure they understand key ideas and can follow the way the book presents information. Below are some good questions to ask your child when reading nonfiction.

- 1. What is the main topic of this book?
- 2. Why do you think the author chose to write about this topic?
- 3. Did you learn anything that surprised you? What was it?
- 4. Did this book cause you to become more interested in this topic? Why or why not?
- 5. If you could ask the author any question, what would it be?
- 6. What are some facts in the book? What are some opinions?
- 7. Select a chart or diagram from the book. What information did these provide?
- 8. Did the author try to convince you of anything? If so, explain.
- 9. Did reading this book make you look at anything in a new way? Explain your answer.
- 10. What did you like most about this book? What did you not like?
- 11. Would you be interested in learning more about the topic you read about in this book?