FYI: Reading Strategy Sheets

These sheets will come home as I teach the strategies. They are also linked to my website.

Goal: Comprehension

Strategy: Make a Picture

Definition: When students listen to or read text, they can create pictures in their mind or make a mind movie. When readers visualize what is happening in the story, they remember more of what they read or hear.

Why Children Need this Strategy: Making a picture or mental image assists readers in understanding what they read by creating images in their mind, based on the details in the text and their prior knowledge.

Secret to Success: Readers put themselves in the story or text by making a mind movie. They also identify details that help them make pictures in their minds.

How I Teach It:

* When teaching students to make pictures in their mind before, during, and after reading, I start by explaining how pictures help students remember what they are reading:
  + By thinking about what they know about the text before they read;
  + By using sensory details to create mental pictures;
  + By looking back at the pictures in their brains (schema) after the story to remember what has happened.