

Essential Questions for Reading

Decoding words

- *How do letter patterns help me read words I do not know?
- *How do letter sounds help me read words I do not know?
- *How do letter sounds and patterns help me learn to spell?

Fluency

- *What do good readers sounds like?
- *How does reading fluently help me understand what I read?
- *How can I improve my speed, accuracy, and expression when I read?

Vocabulary

- *How can I use context clues to understand new words?
- *How can parts of words help me determine the meaning of an unknown word?
- *Why is it important to learn new vocabulary words?

Gaining meaning from text

- *Why should I read?
- *What do I learn from print?
- *What makes a great story?
- *What strategies do I use when I do not understand what I am reading?