

Predicting, Inferring, & Visualizing

District Map Skills

- Create a mental picture of the story or poem.
- Use background knowledge and text clues to make meaning.
- Infer the meaning of unfamiliar words and concepts in the text to better understand what I'm reading.
- Make and change predictions by inferring and visualizing information from the text.
- Use text clues to infer answers to unanswered questions.

Predicting Definition:

Good readers think about what is going to happen and make predictions based on what they know and what they've read.

Inferring Definition:

Good readers use what they know (schema) and what they read in the text to make a conclusion (reading between lines).

Visualizing Definition:

Good readers create mental images during, and after reading. Their images become a picture in their mind.

What Good Readers Are Thinking When **Predicting/Inferring ...**

- What do I think will happen next?
- This title, heading, picture makes me think...
- Although the author hasn't told me this, I think...
- Can I draw conclusions about the text based on my own background knowledge?

What Good Readers Are Thinking When **Visualizing**...

- What are the pictures/scenes in my mind?
- What do I hear, taste, smell, or feel?
- What do the characters, setting, and events of the story look like in my mind?
- Do the images in my mind change as I continue reading new information?