**How to Help Young Readers to Think**

**Make sure to watch what the reader does to solve problems. Are they…**

* Looking at the picture to help?
* Rereading to check themselves to see if they read it correctly?
* Correcting a mistake without you helping them?
* Pointing to the same word they are pronouncing?
* Reading with good expression?

**Praise them for what they are doing right! (Even if they were not quite successful)**

* I like the way you figured it out yourself.
* I like the way you looked at the picture to help you.
* I like the way you went back and reread to get a running start.
* I like the way you read that like you telling a story.

**Help them by asking these questions:**

* Does this make sense?
* Does it fit?
* Does that sound right?
* Does that look right?
* What does that first letter do? Get your mouth ready to make that sound…
* Were you right?
* What can you do to help yourself?
* What part of the word do you know?
* It starts like that word, but what about the ending?