Guided Reading Goal Questions

Level D

Thinking within the Text

Retelling
  o What is the main idea of the story (central message or lesson of the story)?
  o What are some key details from the story (2 to 3)?
  o Retell the story including characters, setting, problem, and solution.
  o How did the story end?
  o What happened before or after ________________?
  o Who is telling the story?

Fluency
  o What punctuation do you notice on page __________?
  o How does this punctuation help you read? (pausing, voice inflection etc.)
  o What are these marks called? (point out quotation marks) Why did the author use them?
  o What did you notice about (a bolded word from the text)? How does the author want you to read that word?

Thinking beyond the Text

Predicting
  o During Reading – How do you think the book will end?
  o What else might the characters like or do?
  o After reading the text, predict what might happen next or what the character will like or do.
  What clues helped you with this prediction?

Making Connections
  o How are the characters the same as you?
  o What does this story remind you of?
  o Can you think of another book that is similar to this one?
  o How is the (topic, characters, ending) similar to (title of another book)?
  o How is the character the same in this book as in previous books?
  o How are the characters and what happens to them in this story the same or different as in a story that you know?

Synthesizing
  o Before Reading – What do you know about (topic of book or character)?
  o What did you learn about _____________ after reading this book? Show where you found this information.
  o What are the characters doing in this picture?
  o What did you notice about all the things the characters were doing?

Inferring
  o How were the characters feeling in the book? How do you know?
  o What kind of character is ___________? How did the author show what this character is like?
  o Why did the character ________________? How do you know?
  o What pictures helped you know ___________? How did the pictures help you?
  o How did the author show ____________?
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- Why do you think __________?

Thinking about the Text

- Analyzing
  - What was the same about the _______ in the book?
  - What did you notice was different? (change in pattern, text features, etc.)
  - What was funny in the book? How do you know?
  - What do you notice that made the story funny or surprising?
  - Talk about what happened at the beginning of the story. Then what happened (events). What happened at the end?
  - What did the author do to make the characters or situation interesting?
  - What are the major differences between books that tell stories and books that give information?
  - How do the illustrations and details in a story help to describe its characters, setting, or events?

- Critiquing
  - What did you like/dislike about this (book, beginning, characters, ending)?
  - What did you like/dislike about the illustrations in this book?
  - What did you think about (book, beginning, characters, ending)? Why?