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School Readiness at Glendale Public Library

Critical Thinking

Critical Thinking is utilized by observing, making predictions, and evaluating information.

Evaluate Information (Fact or Fiction)

- Encourage conversations. Help your child find family, friends, and neighbors to talk with about something they have learned. Not only will your child get experience relaying information, but the recipient will love the attention, too!
- Bring science into the home! Try a few simple science experiments with common household items. Have your child predict what they think will happen, then examine what actually happens.

Help Children Make Predictions

- After reading a storybook, read a non-fiction book related to the topic. Talk about the difference in the type of information in the books. For example, read *The Three Little Pigs* then a non-fiction book about wolves. It's a fact: Real wolves can't walk on their hind legs!
- While reading books, make guesses about why the characters took certain actions. Talk about the motivation behind their behaviors by linking them to an emotion. Then talk about why the characters would have felt that emotion.

Present a New Concept or Idea

- Supply art materials and help your child make a daily journal for recording thoughts and events. Ask your child to draw a picture to express their feelings, and add their favorite activity of the day.
- Encourage your child to take a close look at their surroundings and ask questions. If there is something you are unsure of, research and learn the answer together. You don't need to know all the answers—in fact, it is beneficial when YOU ask questions and model curiosity as well.



Find a list of books that feature Making Connections at <http://bit.ly/growplaylearn>

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