

4th Grade ELA – Reading Strategies Chart

The chart below lists skills and strategies to be used to build comprehension. Many skills and strategies may be used before, during and / or after reading.

Reading Strategies Chart		
Before Reading	Build Background Information	Graphic Organizers (e. g. KWL Chart)
	Activate/Connect Prior Knowledge	Set a Purpose
	Connect to personal lives	Development Vocabulary
	Make predictions	High Frequency Words
During Reading	Return to Purpose	Express Personal Opinions
	Main Idea	Connect to Other Text
	Identify Details	Question & Clarify at Critical Junctures
	Sequence	Question the Author
	Cause/Effect	Interpret Character Motivation
	Compare & Contrast	Speculate
	Draw Conclusions	
After Reading	Summarize	Make Judgments
	Retell	Graphic Organizers
	Story Structure	Act-Out or Illustrate
	Connect to Personal Lives	Connect to Other Text
	Discuss/Interpret Author Motivation	