

Think Aloud Instructions

You have been asked to participate in a research project. This project will use Think Alouds to better understand the things you do when you read. For this project you will be asked to read a picture book selected for you by your teacher.

These books may require you to pay close attention to the written text and the illustrations in order to understand the story. As you are reading the book, please talk clearly into the microphone about the things that are going through your mind as you are reading and looking at the illustrations.

Please begin by reading the title and looking at the front and back covers. Say some things you are thinking about the story before you even open the book.

As you are reading the picture book, please share all of the things you are thinking as you read the story. I want to know all about what comes into your mind when you are reading. There are NO wrong or right answers. I just want to know exactly what is happening in your mind.

Please read the story aloud so I can understand where you are in the book. For EVERY page in the picture book, I want you to say something about what is going through your mind. Please feel free to share anything that is going through your mind as you are reading these books. If you have any questions, ask your teacher to help you.

When you are ready to start, say your FIRST name into the tape recorder and the TITLE of the book you are reading. When you are ready, start the tape and begin reading and thinking aloud. When you have finished, turn the tape off and give the tape to your teacher.

I really hope you enjoy these picture books! Thanks for helping me with this project.

Dr. Serafini