

## **Before I read I:**

- activate my prior knowledge (What do I know about the topic? What is in my mental file folder?)
- I use my 'Thieves'
  - T—title
  - H—headings
  - I--introduction
  - E—every first sentence
  - V-- visuals
  - E-- ending
  - S—so what? sum it up!

## **While I read I:**

- make connections to myself, other texts, and the world
- ask 'skinny' and 'fat' questions
- visualize
- use context clues to understand words
- use text features
- use a dictionary for words I am really stuck on

## **After I read I:**

- analyze my predictions
- reread confusing parts to make sure I understand
- summarize or retell