Dear Third Grade Families,

Please have your child use the D.T.Q.S. strategy when working on his/her E.L.A. reading comprehension passages. We have been using this strategy in class. Thank you for reinforcing its use at home!

**D**irections: give us a clue about what we are reading

* Read the directions.
* Underline key/important words in the directions

**T**itle: give us clues about what we are reading

* Read the title
* Underline key/important words in the title
* Look at any illustrations/captions

**Q**uestions: tell us what information to look for in the story/passage

* Read the questions **before** the story
* Read **only** the questions, **not** the choices
* Underline key/important words in the questions
* THINK about what the question is asking

**S**tory: look for answers to the questions

* Read the story
* Underline any answers to the questions within the story/passage
* Go back and answer the questions

Some guidelines for answering multiple choice questions:

* Choose what best answers the questions! Sometimes two choices seem correct.
* When answering context clue questions, “read around the word” to find the meaning.
* Go with your gut. Usually your first choice is the correct one!
* Always go back to the text to find details to support your answer.

Sincerely,

Third Grade Teachers