

## **Book Study**

In your package you will find one or two books selected for you by your teacher. You are welcome to read a different book if you would like. Just let me know the name of the book and the author so that I can read it as well. There are three parts to the book study.

### **Strategy Work**

Questioning - What are you wondering about as you read the story?

Visualizing - Create mind pictures.

Sequencing - Keep important events in order.

Connecting - What are you reminded of as you read?

Predicting - Make predictions as you read. What may happen next?

### **Word Study**

Expanding your vocabulary.

### **Themes**

Understanding important ideas and messages in the story.

The strategy work is done daily as you read. Make a note each day (in your notebook) with

- a question
- a mind picture
- a description of an important event
- a connection
- a prediction.

The word study is done periodically (every two or three days). Select one or two unfamiliar/difficult words as you read and make notes using the following template:

New word: \_\_\_\_\_

Sentence: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Prediction (What do you think the word means?) \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Dictionary definition of the word: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Themes are normally explored by talking about the book as you read with your teacher, family, and classmates.

### **Final Project Options**

**Letter:** Write a letter to one of the characters in the story. In your letter, introduce yourself and talk about your life in the Yukon. Share one or two important connections to the story that you have made (see strategy work). Offer the character advice on how to overcome an obstacle or a challenge that they come across.

**Movie Trailer:** If you have access to iMovie this may be a fun option. A trailer is an advertisement for a book. It is meant to get people's attention and create interest. You will need to dramatize a scene from the story and record it. Trailers often include music to generate mood. You can try creating a trailer using the camera function on your tablet.

**Poster:** Create a poster promoting your book. Include the title of the book, the name of the book, and colourful drawings. Include a map on your poster indicating the location of important events in the story. Be as creative as you like with the poster. You **may** include

- research on the author
- a written description of a character in the story

- a quotation from one of the characters
- a short paragraph explaining how the book begins.

Maryann and I will provide you with materials and supplies that you need for your book study (e.g. dictionary, poster paper, pencil crayons, markers).