

## **Asking the Right Questions** ... to promote more high-level thinking:

- Ask questions that begin with "why?" and "how?" instead of always beginning questions with "what?" and "when?"
- Encourage your child to answer questions without using words -- let him use materials such as colored pencils and rulers to graph or sketch his answers.
- Ask your child to describe her thinking -- explain how she arrived at an answer.
- Ask your child questions which stretch her mind -- challenge her to make comparisons or come up with metaphors by asking, "What is this like?"
- Encourage your child to add emotions to his answers. Ask, for instance, "How did you feel at the end of the story?"
- Ask your child to come up with her own questions and challenge her to find the answers.

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