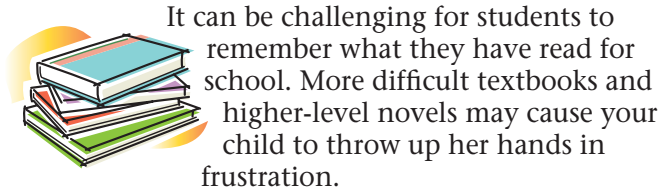


Strategies can improve reading comprehension



It can be challenging for students to remember what they have read for school. More difficult textbooks and higher-level novels may cause your child to throw up her hands in frustration.

Help your child remember what she's read with these reading comprehension strategies:

- **Story Map.** If your child is reading a novel, have her write the title at the top of a sheet of paper. Then have her draw a box for each chapter, writing the chapter name at the top of the box. She should draw a picture or write a few words in the box that will help her remember the main idea and events of that chapter.
- **Knowledge Chart.** If your child is reading a textbook, have her fold a piece of lined paper in half, so she



has two columns. Label the left-hand column "Prior Knowledge" and the right-hand column "New Knowledge." Before reading, she can fill in the left-hand column with facts she already knows about the topic of a textbook chapter. Afterwards, she can fill in the right-hand column with new information she has gained from reading the chapter. This will also make a great study guide when it comes to test time.