

Summarizing Activity



Step 1: Make a Bright Hand

- ✓ Trace an adult's hand on a bright piece of cardstock.
- ✓ Write the summarizing steps on your Bright Hand
- ✓ Cut the hand out.



Step 2: Read a Just Right Book



Step 3: Summarize your book out loud

(3rd-4th graders – The adult can jot down notes on the Hand Summary Sheet while you talk.)



Step 4: Write your summary

- K-2nd graders write on your Hand Summary Sheet.
- 3rd-5th graders – Look at your Hand Summary Sheet and write a five sentence summary paragraph on the lined paper.



Step 5: Design a Folder

- ✓ Include the title of the book
- ✓ Draw pictures
- ✓ Display it with the others



Step 6: Enjoy a snack



Step 7: Choose a FREE Book

Summarizing Tips for Home

- ☻ Summarizing is an important skill to learn. It helps you understand what you are reading (that's comprehension!), and it can make you a better writer.
- ☻ As you read, stop every few pages and ask yourself, "What are the most important things to remember about this story?"
- ☻ When you finish a book, close the book and try in five sentences to tell the important parts of the story. If you need to, go back and look at the pictures or re-read.

REMEMBER to stop and summarize the next time you finish a book!

