

## MCKEEL COMMON LANGUAGE

### **Two Important Questions to ask about any text:**

1. What is the Big Idea?
2. What did you do as a reader to gain understanding?

### Important Terms and Phrases

**Active Learning** - thinking, doing, responding

**Make Your Thinking Visible** - done through sketches/annotation/questions

**Monitor Comprehension** - pay attention to our thinking when we read, listen or look at pictures. Ask yourself how well you are understanding what you are reading.

**Inner Voice** - What is our brain saying as we try to make sense of what we read?

**When Meaning Breaks Down** - not understanding what I read

**Fix-Up Strategies** - What do I do when meaning breaks down?

**Big Idea** - What is this piece trying to tell me?

**Track Your Thinking** - annotate your thoughts/questions/predictions/responses

**Mental Images** - what you visualize when reading

**Confer** - a conversation with someone

**Sketch** - a quick drawing to represent something

**Accurate** - correct information

**Read with questions in mind** - What questions come up as your read?

**Merge learning** - taking what we know and combining it with new information

**Interesting Details vs. Important Details** - Which ones support the Big Idea?

**Paraphrase** - put information into our own words so we can really understand it

**Synthesize** - gathering info from multiple sources and adding them to our own thinking

