

Strategy: Beach Ball
Reading Dimension(s): Comprehension, Responding/Retelling
Objective/Essential Question: Is the student able to locate important information in a reading passage?
SOL(s): K.8, 1.11, 2.8, 3.5, 4.5, 5.6
Prerequisite Skills: 1. Understands key vocabulary.
Materials: beach ball with questions written on colored stripe of the ball
Procedure: 1. Write the following questions in black permanent marker on each colored stripe of the ball: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ What is the title and author? ▪ Who are the main characters? ▪ What is the setting? ▪ What happened in the story? ▪ How did it end? ▪ What was your favorite part? 2. After reading a story, the teacher and children form a large circle. 3. The teacher begins by tossing the ball to one of the students. 4. The first student to catch the ball answers any question. 5. That student tosses the ball to another student, who can add to the given answer or answer another question. 6. The ball continues to be thrown until all of the questions have been thoroughly answered.
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