Strategies for my Reading Toolbox

* Reread
* Annotate/CURE
* Make connections
* Summarize each section/paragraph(s)
* Ask yourself questions while reading
* Try to find the meaning of unfamiliar words (context clues)
* Compare/Contrast to other selections
* Find the author’s purpose
* Highlight/underline details
* State ideas and thoughts in the margins
* Examine the title and make predictions
* Create a purpose for reading
* Draw pictures in the margins (visualize), imagery
* Identify key words and confusing words
* Circle the main idea
* Use the text/use dictionary (evidence from the text)
* Figure out the point of view, mood, tone, theme, universal theme,
* Focus on the article/text
* Read at your level
* Look for figurative language
* Confirm what you already know (use background knowledge)
* Number the paragraphs/Number lines
* Draw conclusions
* Find thesis statement
* Underline the author’s claim
* Study the material
* Use annotating symbols
* Build reading stamina
* Find poetic devices (sound devices and figurative language)
* Make predictions
* Interact with the text
* Identify names, places, dates,
* Identify foreshadowing/flashback, speaker
* Use FEEDCATS

Test Taking Strategies

* Prove/explain your answers/support your answer with evidence from the text
* Take your time
* Stay calm
* Read the whole question
* CURE
* Eliminate answers
* Look over answers/check answers/check bubbles
* Keep your eyes on your own test/cover your answers
* Examine the text/question/word problem
* Underline important words in the question (examine the question)
* Use a highlighter
* Focus
* Reread
* Get a goodnight’s sleep
* Eat a good breakfast
* Read the questions first
* Watch me Whip, NAE, NAE, Hit the QUAN strategies
* Study/use Quizlet
* Ask questions while you read
* Use a calculator on things you don’t know (math)
* Use common sense
* Take thinking breaks
* Have confidence—YOU CAN DO IT!!
* Think about the passage
* Use context clues
* Infer
* Math: Reverse the problem
* Write it out/summarize
* Think about cause and effect relationships
* State ideas in the margins/near questions
* Bubble answers correctly and take your time bubbling
* Number the paragraphs
* Choose the best answer choice
* Analyze answers
* Be prepared
* Use resources
* Read the WHOLE question and ALL of the answers
* Do what you know first
* Investigate answer options
* If you do not know an answer, choose the best answer that matches the text and your prediction. Try to eliminate answers first.
* Use a number 2 pencil
* Don’t stress or panic
* Pay attention to instructions
* Use color
* Skip questions you don’t know
* Don’t talk/no distractions
* Find the answers in the text
* Turn in electronics
* Wish people good luck!!
* Don’t be disruptive
* Practice reading at home
* Show your work
* Know your math shortcuts
* Write down knowledge before you begin
* Make sure both parts of the answers are right…like if the answer has a “and” in it
* Go to the bathroom before test starts
* Use background information
* Be prepared mentally and physically