Strategies for my Reading Toolbox

* Look for context clues
* Circle main idea
* Underline key details
* Respond in the margins/state your ideas/notes to self
* Examine your answers
* Circle dates, names, places
* Reread what you don’t understand
* Summarize the text
* Find mood, tone, point of view, speaker/telling the story, figurative language, theme, supporting details, sensory details, plot, rhyme scheme, genre, sound devices, problem and solution,
* Read and comprehend
* Skim & Scan
* Find the purpose/set for a purpose for reading
* CURE
* Make inferences
* Use resources (context clues and strategies)
* Paraphrase
* Identify unknown words (context clues)
* Make connections
* Draw conclusions
* Highlight facts that stand out
* Underline author’s claims
* Answer with layers of an onion
* Number paragraphs/lines
* Use different colors to designate
* Find connotation and denotation with words you do not know
* Analyze and pay close attention to poetic devices
* When trying to understand put yourself in the character’s shoes
* Use visual representations (visualize)
* Ask questions
* Show how the text is organized/text structure
* Figure out the style of writing
* Interact with the text
* Stop and think about what you’ve read
* Use a symbol to denote when you are confused (like a ?)
* Confirm stuff you already know
* Read at home
* Circle stuff relevant to the purpose
* Use theme to help you understand the story/meaning
* Read the title
* Make predictions
* Use implicit and explicit details to figure out mood and tone
* Read the selection—Duh!
* Focus on the passage you are reading at the moment/stay on task

Test Taking Strategies

* Do strategies: CURE, QUAN, WHIP, NAE NAE, PRRS
* Take your time
* Find answers in the text
* Use your resources
* Use context clues
* Reread question, passage, problem
* Use process of elimination (eliminate obvious wrong answers)
* Answer the question/read the text/problem/analyze question
* Check your answers
* Annotate
* Use time wisely
* Read the question first, before reading the text
* Use evidence from the text to support your answers
* Build stamina by reading daily
* Underline important words in the question
* Study!
* Skim & Scan for answers
* Define unknown words using context clues
* Eat a good breakfast and get a goodnight’s sleep
* Don’t stress!!
* Stay on task
* Only look at your own paper
* Do the harder questions first or easier ones for that passage
* Take breaks
* Check your bubbling/don’t skip bubbles
* Make sure your bubbles are filled in all the way
* Mark answers in the test booklet
* Plug in the answer to make sure it makes sense
* Do your POW to practice
* Pick out unnecessary details in the questions/focus on the what’s important
* Determine if your answer needs to be fact or opinion
* Determine what text structure it is looking for
* Go back to questions you might be stuck on (create a box in the top right corner of your blank paper to record questions you need to look back at)
* Sit comfortably
* Wear comfortable clothes
* Clear your mind of distractions
* Read the ENTIRE question and all of the answer choices
* Reread the questions
* Take brain breaks as needed
* Think about the answer before reading the answer choices
* Select the BEST answer
* Read the passage first
* Stay calm!/Take deep breaths when stressed
* Color code your passage
* Write down everything you know before the test begins (brain dump)