



What Can A Parent Do To Promote Thinking?

"Children grow into the intellectual life around them."


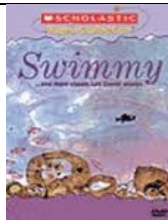
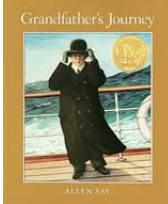
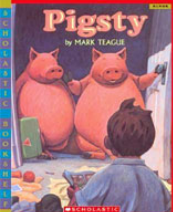
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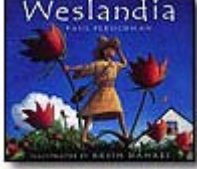
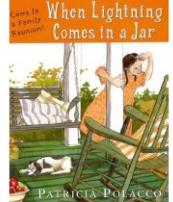
The skill of **Main Idea** means: The big idea, major point, or central thought.

Ideas and tips for parents for the skill:

Often there are a number of valid "main ideas" for any picture, story, or event. The main idea is correct if the important details support it. The topic is the subject, or what the text is about. The main idea is the most important idea about the topic.

Books that support the application of this skill:

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| Big Al |  |
| Swimmy |  |
| Grandfather's Journey |  |
| Pigsty |  |

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| Weslandia |  |
| When Lightning Comes in a Jar |  |

Questions that a parent can ask his/her child to reinforce this skill:

“How does the title help you identify the main idea?”

“In a few words, what is this selection about?”

“What would you say is the most important idea about this topic?”

“Did you find the main idea stated in the passage or did you have to infer it?”