

Parent Guide to the

# Understanding Characters and Plot through Illustrations

# Today's Standard

2.RL.7 - Use information gained from the illustrations and words in a print or digital text to demonstrate understanding of its characters, setting, or plot.

# Real-World Applications for this Standard

Discussing story elements using picture books; Analyzing characters and settings in digital story apps; Creating story maps with illustrations and text; Using graphic novels to explore plot development

### Today I Learned

Today, we learned how pictures and words in a book help us understand the story better. We looked at how characters, settings, and plots are shown through both text and illustrations.

### **Common Stumbling Blocks**

Sometimes kids think pictures are just for fun and not important for understanding the story. Others might think that reading the words is enough and ignore the pictures. Both are not true because pictures help tell the story too!

### Quiz Me

- Who is the main character?
- Where does the story happen?
- What is the problem in the story?
- How do the pictures help you understand the story?
- Can you describe the setting using the pictures?

### Help Me

When reading a book, look at the pictures and the words. The pictures can show you where the story happens and what the characters are doing. This helps you understand the story better!