

## Appendix G1

### Before-Reading “Book Cover Talk”

Before your child begins reading a text by him/herself, have a brief discussion using some of the following questions. Keep in mind whether the text you are using is fiction or non-fiction. Try not to judge whether your child’s responses are “right” or “wrong.” Just be curious about your child’s thinking. Read the title to your child and let him/her examine the book cover. Then, ask some of the following questions:

- What do you think this book is going to be about?
- What makes you think that?
- What clues do you see on the cover that tell us what we are going to read about?
- (For a fiction text) What do you guess the problem might be in this story?
- (For a non-fiction text) What do you already know about \_\_\_\_\_? (For example, the book might be about the water cycle or a biography of a famous person. What does your child already know about the subject?)
- Tell me more about that.

Some examples of responses from you that do not seem evaluative (as if your child is “right” or “wrong”):

- That’s very interesting. I wonder if that will happen in this book!
- That might happen!
- I can see why you think that way.