Ideas for Responding to Fiction:

- Write about some connections you made while you read. How did your connections help you understand the story?
- Tell me something that surprised or interested you.
- Tell me about your favorite character. What do you like about this character?
- How is the main character changing throughout the story?
- Make a Venn diagram to compare and contrast a character in the book and you. How are you and the character similar? How are you and the character different? Include at least three bulleted points in each section.
- Write about what you liked or disliked.
- Write about what you wish would happen in the story.
- Tell about something you think the author should have included in the story.
- Tell me about the author's message (theme).
- Summarize the part that you read this week.
- Describe the setting and include the time and place. Include details from the book in your response.
- How does this story or these chapters make you feel? Why? Be sure to explain your thinking using evidence from the text.
- When you have finished the book, write an idea for a sequel (a story about what happens next).
- What questions do you have for the author about this story? How do you think he/she would answer? Write 2-3 questions AND answers.

Ideas for Responding to Non-Fiction:

- What were some important things you learned from your reading?
- What connections did you make as you read?
- What is the main idea of your book? Include three supporting details about the main idea.
- What facts did you enjoy learning about most?
- What pictures, illustrations or maps did you find interesting?
- What kind of research do you think the author had to do to write this book?
- What questions would you ask the author if you met him or her?
- What more do you want to know about this topic?

- What was your favorite thing you discovered from reading this book?
- What text features do you notice in the book? List 3-5 and tell how they help explain the information.
- What questions do you still have about your topic? What new questions came up during your reading?