Making Connections

Activity: Code the Text
Purpose: To actively engage in reading and to make connections while reading.

1. Using a read-aloud and think aloud, demonstrate examples of making text-self, text-text and text-world connections.
2. While reading a selected text aloud, model how to code a segment of the text that elicits a connection by using a sticky note, a code (T-S, T-T, T-W) and a short explanation of the connection. Discuss how these connections strengthen your understanding of the text.
3. Have the students work with a partner to read a short text and code the text.
4. Ask students to share their connections with the whole class. Be sure to focus on how the connections helped them understand the text.

Text – self connections occur when we make connections between personal experiences and the text.
Text – text connections occur when we make connections between other texts in relation to the text we are reading.
Text – world connections occur when we relate the text with what we already know about the world.