First Grade Reading Skills

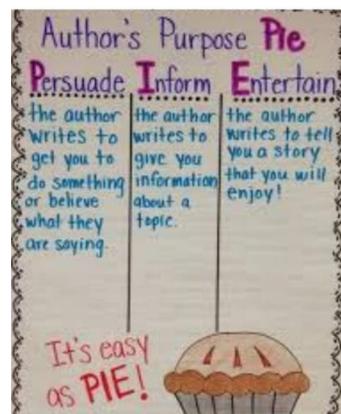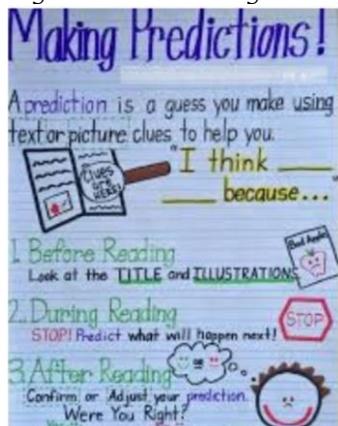| Main Idea and Details	Cause and Effect
Main Idea: What is the story mostly about? Details: Facts/evidence that support the main idea. 	Cause: Why something happened. Effect: What happened as a result?
Compare and Contrast	Author's Purpose
Finding similarities and differences between different things, books, characters, etc. and comparing them. A Venn Diagram is one way to organize this information. 	Authors write stories for many reasons. Was the author's purpose to persuade, inform, or entertain?
Making Predictions	Inferencing
Prediction: A guess made using text/picture clues. 	Using what you have read to learn more than the author specifically states.
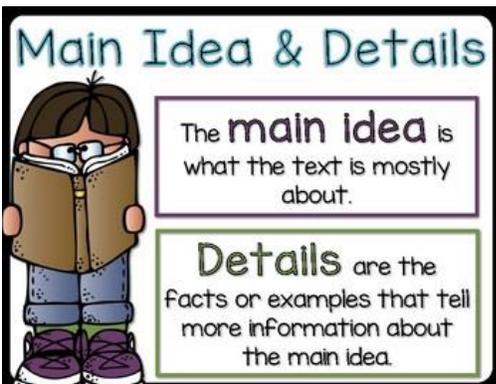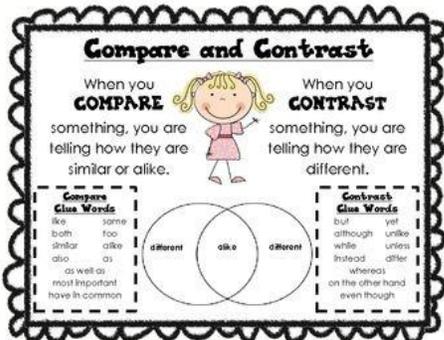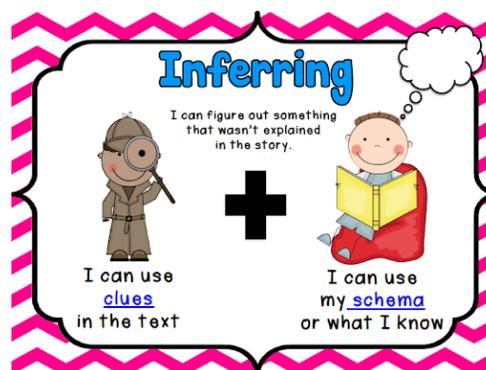
Fact and Opinion	
Fact: A true statement that can be proven.	Opinion: A Statement stating what someone thinks or feels.