

## Let's Get Started!

### Strategies for doing an EQAO Language Test

**Parents:** Show and explain these strategies to your child.

**Students:**

The EQAO Language tests that you will do in class later this year will ask you to read short stories and poems, and then answer questions about what you read.

Here are some steps that will help you to get the correct answers:

**Step One:**

Read the story (or poem) slowly and carefully. Read it as a story; pretend it's not a test. Try to enjoy the story.

**Step Two:**

Then read the story or poem again, slowly and carefully.

As you read it the second time, try to create a "video" of the story in your mind. If the story is about going to the zoo, imagine yourself at the zoo, watching the events that happen in the story.

If you need to read the story again, after you have done step two, do it! The EQAO test is not a race to see who finishes the fastest.

**Step Three**

Now that you have read the story, you are ready to answer the questions.

Of course, Step One and Step Two apply here also: read each question, slowly and carefully.

Then read it again. The second time you read the question, whisper the question to yourself. Move your lips and quietly say each word.

