**STRATEGIES FOR WORD PROBLEMS**

**Read only ONE SENTENCE AT A TIME. STOP and do the following after each sentence:**

1. Make a picture of what is happening in the sentence.
2. Summarize what you read in your own words.
3. Underline any numbers in the sentence.

**STOP after you read the LAST SENTENCE OR QUESTION. Do the following:**

1. Summarize what the question is asking.
2. Find and HIGHLIGHT any KEY WORDS in the question (use your Key Words reference sheet)
3. Check for the process to use for the Key Word (+, -, x, or ÷)
4. Complete the calculation. Does your answer make sense? If not check your calculation or process that was used.
5. LABEL your answer (3 o’clock, $8.00, 42 dogs, etc.).