

Sept. /Oct. Reading Comprehension Focus

Concepts About Print

All About Concepts About Print (CAP)

- *Definition:* involves recognizing and understanding how print works. A reader must learn that text contains a message, that it has directionality, that individual words on the page correspond to individual spoken words, and so on.
- *Includes the following:* front/back covers, title page, locations of author/ illustrator names, use of picture clues, pointing to each word, directionality (left-to-right/ top-to-bottom), spaces occur between words (distinguishing a letter from a word)

Why is this skill important?

- It's an important step in becoming an independent reader
- Parents are models for the reading process
- Children need awareness of these elements, but parents are to be selective of which books are used and how often the elements are addressed
- Process is not meant to take away from the joy of reading, but to enrich the experience

Getting Started

- *Ask questions:* Where do I start reading? Which way should I go when I read? And then where do I go?