

Understanding concepts of prints is a good predictor of a child's future success as a reader. We teach these concepts when we read aloud to our children and have book talks. Talk about the parts of a book, the words in a book, the author, and the illustrator.

When reading a book with your child, teach them concepts of print by MODELING, then ask them to SHOW YOU.

Show your child a book and ask the following:

- the front cover?
- the back of the book?
- the spine of the book?
- the title of the book?
- author?
- illustrator?
- a letter?
- a word?
- a sentence?
- punctuation at the end of a sentence?
- a space?
- how many words are in a sentence?
- how to hold a book?
- where should I start reading? (first page, first word)
- which direction should I read?
- where do I go when I get to the end of a line?

Parts of a Book

