

Tips to Build Concepts of Print -
Becoming Familiar with How Books "Work."

These are just some questions you can ask your child regarding concepts about print to enhance reading development. Feel free to pick one question following the book reading. This should be a pleasurable time where you both share thoughts and observations about the book. Some questions include:

Where is the front cover of the book?

Where is the back cover of the book?

Which way do we turn the pages when we read?

(Show the book upside down and ask if that is the correct way to "read a book.")

Can you point to the first and last word of a sentence?

Can you show me an upper case letter and a lowercase letter? A word?

Can you find a period? Can you find a question mark?

By carefully pointing to each word as you read with your child (as opposed to running your finger across the page) your child will become familiar with left to right orientation, as well as top to bottom. Repeated readings help children to recognize words with time. For example; if you read the Cat in the Hat numerous times, your child will begin to make connections that Cat starts with C and makes the /c/ sound.

Feel free to contact me with any questions or concerns :o)

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