

TRC (Text Reading and Comprehension)

An Informational Guide for Parents

Print Concepts

Knowledge of Basic Concepts of Print:

1. Hold a book

“What is the right way to hold this book?”

2. Front and back of book

“Show me the front of the book.”

“Show me the back of the book.”

3. Stories have a title

“Can you point to the title?”

4. Print tells the story concept

“Point to the place on the page where someone would begin to read.”

5. Directional rules

“I want to point to the words as I read. Show me how my finger should move on the page as I read. Where do I go after that?”

6. Voice print pairing

First modeled by teacher/parent

“Now you point to the words as I read them.”

7. Begin and end

“Show me where the story begins.” “Show me where the story ends.”

8. End of page

“When I get to the end of this page, where will I find the next line to read?”

9. Letter concepts

“Show me just one letter. Do you know the name of the letter? Show me another letter. What sound does that letter make?”

10. Word concepts

“Show me just one word. Show me two words.”

“How many letters are in this word?”

“How many words are in this sentence?”