

TEACHING COMPREHENSION STRATEGIES

AN ALL-NEW WORKSHOP

December 1 & 2, 2005: Grades K-3

December 1: Ramada, Mt. Laurel • December 2: Holiday Inn, Newark

Items to Be Addressed Will Include:

- *From Grand Conversations to Independent Practice: How do we get there from here?*

Many of us are amazed at the depth of children's conversations in response to whole-group read alouds. But where do we go from here? Do children respond in the same thoughtful ways in their own reading? Debbie will focus on the importance of modeling, explicit teaching, and a variety of purposeful ways we can guide students toward independence.

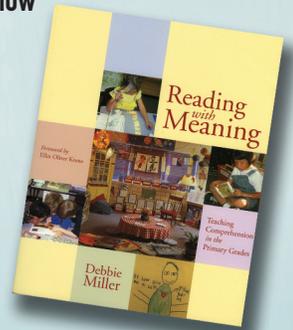
- *The Thoughtful Use of Time and Structure*

Most of us have large blocks of time for literacy learning. How might we best use this time to meet the needs of all our students? We'll focus on predictable structures, teaching children how to make wise, purposeful choices when it comes to

book selection, the art of conferring, and a variety of response options that help children construct meaning and enhance understanding in a variety of meaningful ways.

- *From Convention Notebooks to Wonder Boxes: Teaching Kids about Informational Text in the Primary Grades*

Now that we've increased our nonfiction libraries, how can we teach children how to access this type of text? How can we help them remember and understand new learning, as well as synthesize it for themselves and others? We'll focus on these questions and more...



Debbie Miller has taught primary grades in the Denver Public Schools for thirty years. She was most recently at Slavens Elementary School, where **Happy Reading!** – three videos that accompany her book, **Reading with Meaning**, were taped. In her book and tapes, Debbie takes you beyond comprehension instruction, and shows how she sustains a thoughtful primary reading program that challenges and supports readers of all abilities and needs.

Currently, Debbie works as a private consultant with schools and districts on long-range planning and development of literacy programs.

About the Presenter

