



Parents, staff, and community members are invited to a presentation by Mrs. Ellin Oliver Keene on **February 17, 2010**, from 7:00-8:00 p.m. at the Joseph Sears School in the Nygaard Auditorium.

Mrs. Keene, author of the book *To Understand: New Horizons in Reading Comprehension* and co-author of the groundbreaking *Mosaic of Thought*, explores the nature of comprehension and what's essential in K-12 literacy learning.

A former classroom teacher, staff developer, and adjunct professor of reading and writing, she directed staff development initiatives at the Denver-based Public Education and Business Coalition for sixteen years. She also served as Deputy Director of the Cornerstone Initiative at the University of Pennsylvania, overseeing professional learning for teachers in schools throughout the nation. For the past two years, Ellin Keene has provided staff development on reading comprehension and literacy at The Joseph Sears School in Kenilworth, Illinois. Ellin's presentation will include an overview of skills needed for students in grades K-8 with a special focus on junior high literacy strategies and essential elementary literacy learning.