

READING READINESS CHECKLIST



Use this checklist to observe your child's development and identify areas where they are thriving--or where they might need extra support. Children do not need to master every skill before starting to read, but strong readiness makes learning easier and more joyful.

PRINT AWARENESS

- Understands that print has meaning
- Knows how to hold a book correctly
- Recognizes the front and back of a book
- Can point to where to begin reading on a page
- Understands that we read from left to right and top to bottom

LETTER RECOGNITION

- Recognizes some uppercase letters
- Recognizes some lowercase letters
- Can identify letters in their name
- Can match some letters to sounds
- Can name at least 10 letters

EMERGENT WRITING

- Draws or scribbles to express ideas
- Writes some letters, especially from their name
- Understands that writing represents spoken language.
- Attempts to read "words" or labels

ORAL LANGUAGE DEVELOPMENT

- Speaks in complete sentences
- Uses descriptive vocabulary (colors, size, emotions)
- Asks and answers "what," "why," and "how" questions
- Retells simple stories or events in order
- Understands basic concepts (e.g. under, over, before, after)

BOOK AWARENESS

- Enjoys being read to
- Can recall favorite stories
- Points to pictures that match the story
- Joins in on repetitive phrases or rhymes

SOCIATIVE SKILLS

- Follow 2-3-step directions
- Pays attention during stories or activities for 5-10 minutes
- Recognizes patterns & sequences
- Sorts objects by color, shape, or size
- Matches letters or symbols

Read together daily, even if only 10 minutes.