Help Children Read Checklist

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# Tasks:

☐ **Encourage Early Language Development**

☐ **Speak to your child in full sentences**

*Children learn ;by listening, so the more you speak to them the faster they will learn.*

☐ **Keep language simple but expressive, and avoid baby-talk**

*;The more you talk the more they will understand and respond.*

☐ **Sing to your child**

*Children learn first through ;rhythm ;and sound, and songs will encourage phonetic development.*

☐ **Engage your child in conversation**

*Have quality discussions on topics ranging from lunchtime to family members to the color of the moon.*

☐ **Use synonyms**

*Expand your child's vocabulary early by using different words for the same feeling, action, or object.*

☐ **Encourage Literacy Development**

☐ **Read outloud the names of stores, signs on the road, ingredients on the cereal box**

*..everything! Seeing the words and hearing how they sound will help them retain vocabulary, and introduce them to written language.*

☐ **Read to your child every day.**

*It is never to early to start reading, and will instill in them an appreciation for books*

☐ **Make story time fun and comfortable**

*This will be a good bonding experience and create positive association with reading.*

☐ **Visit the library often**

*The library can be a fun place to learn and cultivate their budding knowledge.*

☐ **Illustrate the difference between letters and numbers.**

☐ **Spell out the words you see, and pronounce them outloud with your child.**

☐ **Encourage Writing Development**

☐ **Playing with clay, beads, and blocks will help children develop the fine-motor skills required for writing.**

☐ **Draw pictures with your child**

*Children are very visual, and learning to write starts with scribbles and pictures.*

☐ **Make up stories with your child**

*Make story time an interactive experience; write a story together.*

☐ **Teach your child the letters of his/her name and show them how to write it.**

☐ **Use their interests to boost reading and writing skills**

*Find books on subjects they love (animals, sports, etc)., read the stories together and encourage them to write their own.*