



Checking in with your Child's Reading Habits

Name of Child: _____

Please check off the items listed below when your child has completed. Children will learn these skills at different times and it is okay if they do not have all the areas completed by the end of that age range. If many of the items are left unchecked and your child has entered another age bracket, you may want to consult with your pediatrician and/or your child's teacher.

Ages 0-2:

- _____ Child looks at books and babbles as if reading the book. The child may mirror the sounds of the caregiver while reading.
- _____ Child will grasp a book and explore how it tastes and feels, but by age 2 should be holding book right side up.
- _____ Child will point to pictures with one finger and as they grow older will want pictures named while pointing.
- _____ Older children in this category will start to use one or two words to convey meaning.
- _____ Child will connect words to pictures.
- _____ Child will have favorite books and show excitement towards these books.

Ages 2-3:

- _____ Child will enjoy asking questions, talking and interacting with the book.
- _____ Child will turn back and forth in the book to find their favorite pictures and coordinate the picture with text.
- _____ Child will recite either a part of a well-known story or the entire story.
- _____ Child will have favorite books and show excitement towards these book and read the familiar books to themselves.

_____ Child will enjoy repeating rhymes.

_____ Child will begin to understand that stories have a beginning, middle and end and that there are characters in the story as well.

Ages 3-4:

_____ Child will look at books independently and have simple discussions about the book.

_____ Child will hold books and turn pages in the right direction.

_____ Child can retell familiar stories.

_____ Child will begin to make connections from books to their own lives.

_____ Child will move finger along the text as it is being read.

_____ Child will act as if they are reading a book that they have memorized or will use the pictures to tell the story.

Ages 4-5:

_____ Child will start to recognize the alphabet and connect the sounds to the letters.

_____ Child will also be able to hear and distinguish sounds in our language.

_____ Child will be able to compare characters from different stories that they have read.

_____ Child will enjoy making up stories not directly connected to a book.

_____ Child will know what is the front and back of the book as well as knowing where the title and author of the book appear.

_____ Child will know which direction to read; from left to right and top to bottom.

