



SMART PARENTING *for* CHILD

Dr. Godbole's Chiranjeev Child Development Center

Pre-Reading Skills!

Long before children can read books they need to master key skills that will help them make sense of letters.

The key components of reading readiness include:

1. **Vocabulary:** knowing the names of things.



- ⦿ Ask lots of questions. The questions are invitations for the child to respond.
- ⦿ Speak clearly. Use short sentences. Repeat yourself.
- ⦿ Name pictures in book as you point to them – this helps children learn new words.

2. **Print Motivation:** being interested in alphabets, words and enjoying books

- ⦿ Make book-sharing time a special time for closeness between you and your child.
- ⦿ Let your child see you reading. Visit your public library often.
- ⦿ Show print in everyday life, logos and street signs,

3. **Letter Knowledge:** knowing letters, their names and sounds

- ⦿ Write your child's name. Make letters from clay or use magnetic letters
- ⦿ Point out and name letters when reading alphabet books, signs or labels.
- ⦿ Help your child see different shapes, and the shapes of letters.



4. **Print Awareness:** noticing print, knowing how to follow the words on a page



- ⦿ Read aloud every day – print labels, signs, and menus. Print is everywhere!
- ⦿ Point to some of the words as you say them, especially words that are repeated.
- ⦿ Hold the book upside down. See if your child turns the book around.

5. **Phonological Awareness:** able to hear & play with sounds in words

- ⦿ Sing songs.
- ⦿ Make up own silly, nonsense rhymes.
- ⦿ Play word games such as "What sounds like rain?"

6. **Narrative Skills:** able to describe things, tell stories

- ⦿ Talk to your child about what you are doing.
- ⦿ Encourage your toddler to tell you about things.
- ⦿ Read favorite books again and again.

