

Parent Literacy Checklist

This checklist is designed to help concerned parents review some of the many ways in which they can help their children to learn to read.

- Yes No 1.) I read aloud to my child everyday.
- Yes No 2.) If my child asks me to do so, I read the same book aloud repeatedly.
- Yes No 3.) When I read aloud, my child sits on my lap or very close beside me and is in a position to follow along in the book.
- Yes No 4.) My child has seen me read frequently.
- Yes No 5.) I make sure my child sees both men and women reading.
- Yes No 6.) There are books, magazines, and newspapers in our home.
- Yes No 7.) My child has books of his/her own and a place to keep them.
- Yes No 8.) I give my child books and magazines as gifts.
- Yes No 9.) I talk to my child about the important things happening in our family and neighborhood.
- Yes No 10.) I give my child opportunities to express himself/herself in many ways such as conversation, art, and playing make-believe.
- Yes No 11.) I am a concerned and interested listener, showing my child that his/her feelings and interests are important to me.
- Yes No 12.) My child knows I value reading as much as I do watching television.
- Yes No 13.) I control the amount of time my child spends and the types of programs my child watches on TV.
- Yes No 14.) I provide many interesting and varied experiences for my child, such as visits to parades, fairs, restaurants, the beach, parks, and the zoo.
- Yes No 15.) I provide plenty of paper, pencils, and crayons, and a chalkboard and encourage my child to experiment with writing.
- Yes No 16.) We play games that help my child see likenesses and differences in objects in our home.
- Yes No 17.) My child has a library card and has a chance to use it regularly.
- Yes No 18.) I talk to my child about the importance of education and teach him/her respect for schools and teachers.
- Yes No 19.) My child's hearing and vision are checked regularly.
- Yes No 20.) I plan meals and snacks for my child with good nutrition in mind.

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