



READ ALOUD CHECKLIST

Most important things to remember:

- Start slow; begin with books with only a few words on a page and work your way up to more text.
- Always read the author/illustrator even if you have read the book once or 100 times.
- Ask pre-reading questions, or with babies, preview the book before reading.
- Occasionally choose books that are over your child's instructional level to challenge them.
- Don't start reading before a child is calm. Take a few minutes of downtime when transitioning from playing to reading.
- Create a positive mood and atmosphere.
- Sit in a chair or place that allows your child to easily see the book and the pictures
- Practice, practice, practice. Most adults are not gifted storytellers naturally.
- SLOW down and give adequate wait time!
- Don't choose a title that you won't enjoy yourself.
- Don't fall asleep while reading to your child. :)
- My personal pet peeve; Do not under any circumstance use reading a book as a consequence.
- Don't keep reading a book that was a poor choice or boring your child.