Pre-Reading Skills Checklist: Your Handy Guide

As you go through this list, remember that observation is key. Notice how your child interacts with books, words, and sounds in their daily life.

Sound Awareness

Can your child recognize rhyming words?

Do they enjoy songs and games that involve sounds?

Interest in Books:

Does your child show interest in books and stories?

Do they pick books to look at on their own?

Understanding of Print:

Can your child recognize some letters, especially in their name?

Do they understand that print carries a message?

Narrative Skills:

Can your child retell a simple story or event?

Do they enjoy making up stories based on pictures?

Vocabulary:

Is your child curious about new words and their meanings?

Do they use a variety of words in their speech?

Book Handling Skills:

Does your child know how to hold a book correctly?

Can they turn the pages of a book?

Letter Recognition:

Can your child recognize and name some letters?

Are they starting to understand that letters have sounds?

Remember, this checklist isn't a test but a guide to help you notice and nurture your child's pre-reading skills in a supportive, loving way.