



# Is your child starting "Big School"?

## Practical ways to boost your child.

### Activities to do in the car ...

- Play eye spy
- Ask your child their spelling words.
- Play rhyming games ... what rhymes with ...
- Play number plate games, finding doubles / addition ...
- Counting forwards, backwards ...

### When reading with your child, ask questions ...

- Before you read
  - Look at the pictures, what do you think will happen?
  - What characters do you think will be in the story?
- During
  - What has happened so far?
  - What do you think will happen next?
- After:
  - Can you remember the name of the book?
  - What happened in the story?
  - If there was a problem, was it solved?
  - What was your favourite part of the story?



### Activities to do in the morning ...

- Ask left and right ... (possibly put a star on the inside of their right or left shoe - or write a R and L)
- Following instructions (multi level commands)

### Activities to do in the kitchen ...

- Letter formation and spelling words in a tray filled with sand, rice or bran (tactile)
- Measurement while cooking
- Ask your child which is more / less / heavier / lighter
- Count down with the microwave
- Use a timer
- Sort items into categories (colour, shape, size ...)
- Spelling using magnetic letters on the fridge



Most importantly encourage your child whenever possible!!!

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# Morning and Evening Responsibilities

You can use pictures or words ☺ These examples are only a guideline.  
Initially keep the tasks short and limit them to only a few per day, as your child masters these you may add on.

