

On Their Own in Reading: How to Give Children Independence in Analyzing New Words

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Children who build good, age-appropriate independence skills will be in a better position to face the challenge of secondary school. But independence isn't just important for upper KS2 kids: younger children benefit from having opportunities to do things for themselves too. A child in Reception, for example, can begin to do things like get dressed and undressed independently, hang their school bag on their peg, and eat lunch themselves, possibly with adult support, says Jane. "But by the age of about eight, they should be capable of getting themselves ready for school, remembering any sports kit or letters that they need to take in, and knowing what homework they have to do and at least making a start on it independently, with just a little prompting. Reading has numerous benefits for children, including a positive effect on development. Find out why it is important & how you can incorporate it here. However, there may be certain children in your class who only get the chance to read in school and not at home. This could be for a variety of reasons, however, try and communicate to parents the importance of reading with their child. To do so, you could Is your child hooked on baseball? Then read them a ton of books on the subject and play the sport with them, or take them to a game. Is your child interested in dinosaurs? You might consider taking them to a dinosaur museum or library to do research. You can have your child draw or write (if they're able to) their own book about their favorite topic too. 4. Let them talk and share. How are the words and sentences written? Left to right? Going up or down? She also writes, that reading aloud to children is also engaging and increases their motivation and attention! 8. Be the animation! As I've mentioned in my previous article, 10 Essential Communication Skills that will Make You a Better Parent, gestures and body language are super important. Although teaching children to do these basic tasks, helps simplify the workload of the parents in the house, the real benefit is really for the child. The self confidence boost that children receive from being able and allowed to do things for themselves is remarkable. Children feel a great sense of pride when they master a new skill or gain competency in a new area. By encouraging children to do for themselves what they are capable of, you are placing them firmly on the path to confident independence. Nicole Avery is a mother of five gorgeous kids. On her blog Planning With Kids she shares tr