Device set-up checklist

Tick it off before the device is wrapped



Any device

- [ ] Is reading the main thing it's set up for?
- [ ] Can they only buy or download books with your say-so?
- [ ] Does it stay out of the bedroom in the last hour before sleep?
- [ ] Are notifications off while they read?
- [ ] Have you set the text size and brightness together?
- [ ] Is there still a pile of paper books within reach?

A Kindle or other e-reader

- [ ] Set it up on your own account before it's wrapped.
- [ ] Turn on the child's profile or kids' mode, if it has one, and lock it with a PIN only you know.
- [ ] Put a PIN or approval on the shop and the web browser, so new books come through you.
- [ ] Add a few books you've chosen together, and borrow some from the library.
- [ ] Set the text size and the light together.
- [ ] Agree where it sleeps at night: not in the bedroom.

An iPad

- [ ] Give your child their own child account in Family Sharing, not yours.
- [ ] Turn on Ask to Buy, so downloads and purchases come to you.
- [ ] Set Screen Time schedules, so the iPad rests at bedtime.
- [ ] Block apps above your child's age rating.
- [ ] Put the reading apps on the first screen, and games further away.
- [ ] Turn notifications off while they read.

An Android tablet

- [ ] Create a Google Account for your child with Family Link.
- [ ] Set screen time limits, including a rest time at night.
- [ ] Turn on approval for Google Play downloads and purchases.
- [ ] Set content restrictions on Google Play by age.
- [ ] Put the reading apps on the first screen, and games further away.
- [ ] Turn notifications off while they read.

At night, it sleeps in _____

Settings checked again on _____

No setting is 100% effective, so talk about why the settings are there, and what to do if something online worries them.