



## Tips for Nurturing Your Child's Development: Cognition & Language Ages 7-II



- Encourage your child to think critically, scientifically, and creatively and to take intellectual risks
- Provide a quiet place for your child to complete homework
- Help your child set his/her own goals; encourage your child to explore their interests
- Engage your child in conversation and allow your child to express his/her own opinion
- Encourage your child to express their thoughts in complete sentences
- Be an active listener and help your child extend/elaborate their ideas
- Teach/model social etiquette in language: initiating, turn taking, asking questions, changing topics, clarifying
- By age 9, children are reading to learn: encourage your child to read for pleasure; reading increases vocabulary, builds fluency and facilitates comprehension
- Experiment with different types of language; explain multiple meanings of words, riddles, puns, inferences, idioms (figurative language)
- If your child is bilingual, monitor their progress in English Language Development and re-classification status