## Cognitive Tools For Children



Ways to Help Children with Exercising Their Cognition After Cancer Treatment

## Memory Boost

#### **Memory Reminders**

Alarms, timers, or notes on a whiteboard can help kids remember important things.





#### **Breaking Tasks into Steps**

Big tasks can be hard, so breaking them into small steps makes them easier to do.



#### Visual Schedules

A daily or weekly schedule with pictures can help kids remember what to do next.

#### **Organizing Ideas**

Charts, drawings, or story maps can help kids organize their thoughts and remember things better.

## Staying on Task

#### **Movement Breaks**

Short breaks to stretch or move can help kids focus better during long activities.

#### **Working in Short Times**

Doing work in small time blocks (like working for 25 minutes, then taking a 5-minute break) can make tasks feel easier.



#### **Sensory Breaks**

Squeezing a stress ball or using a fidget tool can help kids stay calm and focused.





## Staying Organized



#### Checklists and Self-Checking

Kids can use checklists or charts to keep track of what they need to do.

#### **Setting Goals**

Helping kids make small goals and take steps toward them can keep them motivated.

#### **Using Timers and Clocks**

Timers, clocks, or colorcoded schedules can help kids manage their time.



## Social & Emotional

#### **Social Stories**

Short stories that explain different situations can help kids understand how to interact with others.

#### Speaking Up for Themselves

Kids can learn how to ask for help and talk to teachers or friends when they need support.

#### **Coping Skills**

Teaching kids ways to stay calm, like deep breathing or using their imagination, can help with stress.







### Academic Support

# Technology Help Tools like voice-to-text, recording devices, or apps can make schoolwork easier.



Special Writing Tools

If writing is hard, kids can
use special pencils, grips, or
a keyboard to help.

#### **Classroom Changes**

Sitting in a quieter spot, using noise-canceling headphones, or getting extra time on tests can help kids do their best. Remember to always advocate for open communication between the parents, child, and teachers.