

Make reading fun for you and your little one!

- Choose books that you like as much as the baby does. Babies love repetition and they learn a lot from it.
- Use your voice in interesting ways. Try different voices, sound effects and tones.
- Let them help you read. Baby can turn pages, point to objects in the pictures or hold the book. Go at their pace. Toddlers may want to skip some pages and linger on others.
- As you read, identify objects in the pictures, such as "This is a cat. It says 'Meow'." or "What is this?" This helps with language development
- Bond with baby while you read. Baby can sit on your lap, you can lie down together, or baby can sit propped up on your knees facing you. Baby will associate reading with closeness to you.
- Make reading a part of your daily routine. Read with your little one for 15 minutes a day, every day.
- Waiting time is prime reading time, so share books: at an appointment, in line at the store, while breakfast warms up.

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Books to Share with Babies and Toddlers

Developmentally appropriate books for ages 0-2 years



Books with Faces

Research shows that infants pay attention to human faces longer than anything else.

Baby Faces

Dorling Kindersley

Brown Sugar Babies

Smith, Charles R.

Global Babies

Global Fund for Babies

Making Faces: A first book of Emotions

Magnuson, Molly

Move

Verdick, Elizabeth

Books with Playful Language

Playful language (making the noises) is a great way to keep baby engaged and supports early literacy skill building.

Loud Lion, Quiet Mouse

Children's Press

Moo, Baa, La, La, La

Boynton, Sandra

The Noisy Book

Brown, Margaret Wise

Tap Tap Bang Bang

Garcia, Emma

Body Parts

By 18 months, baby should be able to point to one body part. Help them learn with these books.

Hello Baby!

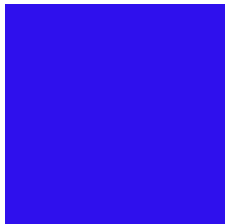
Fox, Mem

My Body

McDonald, Jill

Whose Knees are These?

Asim, Jabari



Books with Sharp Color Contrast

Babies, especially those under 6 months, see black-and-white and bright color contrasts best.

Black & White

Hoban, Tara

Hello, My World

Ho, Jannie

I Kissed the Baby

Murphy, Mary

I Like It When.../Me gusta cuando

Murphy, Mary

The Night is Deep and Wide

Sze, Gillian

Up Cat, Down Cat

Light, Steve

Books to Manipulate

Little ones are hands-on learners. Books with moveable tabs, flaps, and cutouts engage their senses, add interest, and develop motor skills.

I Spy on the Farm

Gibbs, Edward

Llama Llama Hide & Seek

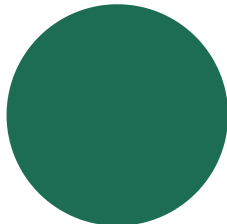
Dewdney, Anna

Welcome, Baby!

Katz, Karen

Where is Spot?

Hill, Eric



Daily Routines

Books about their daily routines help settle baby in to the rhythm of their day and understand what's next.

Buenas Noches, Bebé/Good Night, Baby

Good, Mike

Bye-Bye Time

Verdick, Elizabeth

Peekaboo Morning

Isadora, Rachel

Please, Baby, Please

Lee, Spike

Tooth

Patricelli, Leslie

Nursery Rhymes

The sing-song nature of nursery rhymes help babies hear the rhythm of language and often feature repeating text, which is great for learning vocabulary.

Itsy Bitsy Spider

Hilb, Nora

Little Elephants/Los Elefantitos

Jaramillo, Susie

Old Mother Hubbard

Cabrera, Jane

See-Saw: First Book of Nursery Songs

Busby, Ailie

Stories to Share

More favorites to read with your little one!

The Family Book

Parr, Todd

Kiss by Kiss: A Counting Book for Families

Van Camp, Richard

My Friends = Mis Amigos

Gomi, Taro

Tummy Time Friends

Brisson, Pat