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

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