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Grow with Books

"Learning to read begins before children start school. From the time they are infants, children develop language and other important pre-reading skills. Developing these early literacy skills makes it easier for children to read once they begin school."

- *ALSC/PLA Every Child Ready to Read®*

OLDER TODDLERS (2-3 YEARS)

Let your child see you reading. Talk about stories you read together. Encourage your child to act out stories. Give books as gifts to your child. Attend story time at your public library. Play word games such as "I Spy." Children should be able to name familiar pictures, turn one page at a time, and carry a book around the house. Although they are able to concentrate on simple stories, there needs to be a great deal of one-on-one interaction and physical activity.

BOOKS TO SHARE

- BE GENTLE!** by Virginia Miller
- BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE?** by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle
- CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM** by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
- COLOR ZOO** by Lois Ehlert
- DINOSAUR ROAR!** by Paul Stickland and Henrietta Stickland
- IN THE TALL, TALL GRASS** by Denise Fleming
- JESSE BEAR, WHAT WILL YOU WEAR?** by Nancy White Carlstrom
- MOUSE MESS** by Linnea Asplind Riley
- SILLY LITTLE GOOSE!** by Nancy Tafuri
- THE WHEELS ON THE BUS** by Raffi
- HEAD TO TOE** by Eric Carle
- BARK, GEORGE** by Jules Feiffer



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TODDLERS (15 MONTHS-2 YEARS)

Read to your child often. Children this age enjoy hearing the same story over and over. Let your child turn the pages of the book and talk about what you are reading. Look for books about all kinds of families and familiar objects to share. Provide a special place or shelf for your children's books. Encourage your child to name familiar objects in the book. Get a library card and go to the public library regularly to borrow books. At this age, children should be able to hold a book with help, turn pages, point at pictures, and make sounds for a particular picture.

BOOKS TO SHARE

- EATING THE ALPHABET: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FROM A TO Z** by Lois Ehlert
- THE BEAR WENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN** by Rosemary Wells
- BIG DOG AND LITTLE DOG** by Dav Pilkey
- IN THE SMALL, SMALL POND** by Denise Fleming
- FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS JUMPING ON THE BED** by Eileen Christelow
- FREIGHT TRAIN** by Donald Crews
- JAMBERRY** by Bruce Degen
- PAT THE BUNNY** by Dorothy Kunhardt
- SHEEP IN A JEEP** by Nancy Shaw
- TEN, NINE, EIGHT** by Molly Bang
- TIME FOR BED** by Mem Fox



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OLDER BABIES (7-14 MONTHS)

Hold your child on your lap and enjoy sharing books together. Let your child point to objects in a book to increase exploration with hands. They should be able to reach for books and to touch and feel pictures. Praise your child's attempts to use real words. Read, sing, and say nursery rhymes to help your child learn rhythm and rhyme. Children this age prefer pictures of real faces and enjoy games like peek-a-boo and pat-a-cake.

BOOKS TO SHARE

- WELCOME, BABY! BABY RHYMES FOR BABY TIMES** by Stephanie Calmenson
- TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR** by Jeanette Winter
- CLAP HANDS** by Helen Oxenbury
- DANCE BABY DANCE** by Andrea Spalding
- GOODNIGHT MOON** by Margaret Wise Brown
- ANIMAL KISSES** by Barney Saltzberg
- THE BABY GOES BEEP** by Rebecca O'Connell
- BROWN SUGAR BABIES** by Charles R. Smith Jr.
- MY COLORS (MIS COLORES)** by Rebecca Emberly
- RED, BLUE, YELLOW SHOE** by Tana Hoban
- PEEK-A-BOO!** by Rachel Isadora
- TEN TINY TICKLES** by Karen Katz



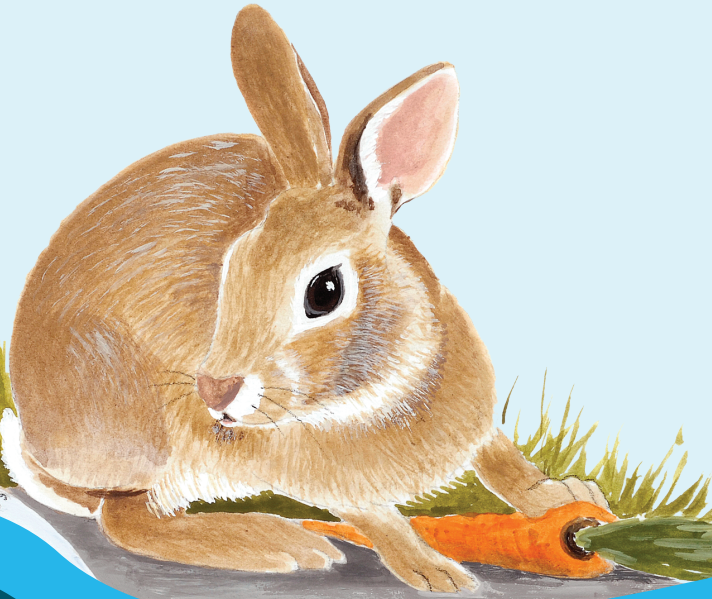
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NEWBORNS (BIRTH TO 6 MONTHS)

Read and sing to your baby. Before babies understand words, they enjoy hearing your voice. Talk to your baby. Call your baby by name. Talk about what you are doing. Play with your baby. Your child is beginning to use language when he or she coos, babbles, and squeals. Show objects and pictures to your baby. Name the brightly colored objects in a book.

BOOKS TO SHARE

- TOMIE'S LITTLE MOTHER GOOSE** by Tomie DePaola
- ANIMAL CRACKERS NURSERY RHYMES** by Jane Dyer
- TICKLE, TICKLE** by Helen Oxenbury
- HUG** by Jez Alborough
- DEAR ZOO** by Rod Campbell
- BABY ROCK, BABY ROLL** by Stella Blackstone
- BLACK ON WHITE** by Tana Hoban
- BLUE HAT, GREEN HAT** by Sandra Boynton
- HOW A BABY GROWS** by Nola Buck
- MY FIRST BABY GAMES** by Jane Manning
- PEEK-A-BOO!** by Janet and Allan Ahlberg



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