

# Baby Reading

*Giving your little one a head start with language development*



**Conversations, touch, singing and movement all contribute to baby's language development. Look for any opportunity you can to engage your baby in interactions and communications with yourself and others. Engaging baby in the simple, everyday routines below will make a world of difference in your child's intellectual growth!**

- Saying your baby's name often while feeding, playing, and talking to him or her.
- Being attentive to baby's babbling and facial expressions; mimicking baby's sounds and listening for baby to mimic you.
- Saying nursery rhymes while changing a diaper or during a feeding.
- Singing songs and dancing while holding baby.
- Verbalizing simple everyday activities: "I am filling your bottle! Yum!" "Let's buckle up in your car seat! We're going bye-bye!" "Splish, splash! We're taking a bath!"
- Give baby time to handle and touch a cloth, bath, or board book. Read to baby as well!
- Putting baby's hand on your mouth as you say "mama" or "dada." Then putting baby's hand on his mouth while saying those words again. Continue with other words and phrases.
- Putting baby's hand on a family member's face and saying that family member's name. Then putting baby's hand on his own face and saying his name.
- Touching various textures while saying a phrase that describes the feeling it provides. An example would be to gently touch baby's face or hand with a light blanket and say "so soft."
- Doing finger plays like the *Itsy-Bitsy Spider* or *Pat-a-Cake*.
- Singing the alphabet song.



Skill Set: Reading with Baby & Toddler  
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