

0 TO 18 MONTHS

Getting your child ready to read is very important, and not to mention FUN! Here are four skills that will help prepare your babies to become readers.

TALK TOGETHER

Whether or not children can say words, they like listening to others and joining in with their own sounds. Read a book, talk about what you are doing, or even imitate the sounds your baby is making. Anything that encourages conversation!

SING TOGETHER

Rhymes and songs are great ways for babies to learn. Repetition and rhythm help babies learn different sounds of language. We have many musical CDs and rhyming books in our collection.

READ TOGETHER

Even though your baby might not understand the story - reading a book, pointing out the pictures, and letting your little one interact throughout is one of the most important things you can do to teach language.

PLAY TOGETHER

Babies learn language by interacting with others. Take time to play every day and don't forget to visit the library for storytime programs!

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BOOKS TO TRY:

Adams, Jennifer
BabyLit Classics (series)

Ashman, Linda
Babies on the Go

Baker, Keith
Big Fat Hen

Barton, Byron
My Car

Beaton, Clare
Mother Goose Remembers

Boynton, Sandra
Blue Hat, Green Hat

Campbell, Rod
Dear Zoo: a lift-the-flap book

Cousins, Lucy
Hooray for Fish!

Fleming, Denise
Sleepy, Oh so Sleepy

Katz, Karen
Where is Baby's Belly Button?

Lobel, Anita
Hello, Day!

Lyon, George
Trucks Roll

BOOKS TO TRY:

Martin, Bill

Brown Bear, Brown Bear

Murphy, Mary

I Kissed the Baby!

Nakamura, Katherine

Song of Night: it's time to go to bed

Stiegemeier, Julia.

Cheep! Cheep!

Sturges, Philemon

How Do You Make a Baby Smile?

Wheeler, Lisa

Jazz Baby

Wilson, Karma

Baby Cakes

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Wee Rhymes



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