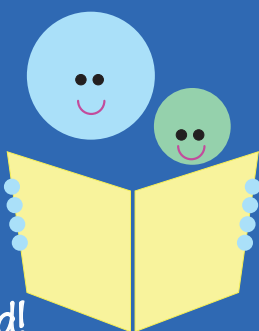


The Little Bookshelf



Please read to your child!

Fact Sheet #2 for baby's 2nd month

You are your baby's first and most important teacher. We hope you will use books to help your baby grow, develop and get ready for reading. Use the following tips to read daily with your child. It will help your child learn and develop a trusting relationship with you.

During the 2nd month of your baby's life:

- Read to your baby every day for a few minutes.
- Select a regular time to read to your baby – after the bath, following a meal or at bedtime.
- Find a comfortable and cozy place to sit and hold your baby while reading.
- Choose a book that can be read in 2-3 minutes.
- Choose a book with images of different people's faces.
- Use your voice to make the book come alive.
- Continue to point to and name objects and pictures in the book.
- Rock your baby to sleep by softly singing lullabies and nursery rhymes.



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