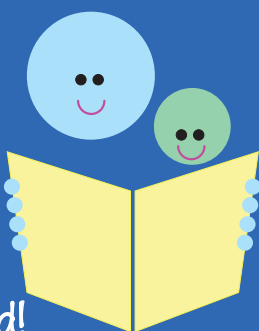


The Little Bookshelf



Please read to your child!

Fact Sheet #4 for baby's 4th month

As you know, 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 love of books.

During the 4th month of your baby's life:

- Keep reading time short and fun – around 5 minutes every day.
- Choose a quiet place away from the TV, radio and other distractions.
- Be happy when you read to your baby. Reading time should be a happy time.
- Choose a book that is sturdy, such as board, cloth or vinyl books.
- Encourage baby to touch and feel the book.
- Point to the picture in the book and ask, "What's that?" Then name the object. This teaches babies that things have names.
- Introduce books that are interactive (rattles, buttons with sounds).



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