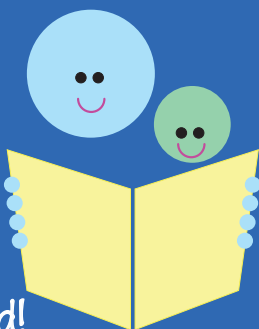


The Little Bookshelf



Please read to your child!

Fact Sheet #11 for baby's 11th 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 develop a love of books and be ready to read.

Every parent can help a child get ready to read. Children must have six skills before learning to read. Parents can help children develop these skills!

- Print motivation Choose durable books; let baby chew and play with them. Have lots of printed material and books at home.
- Narrative skills Tell stories. Read favorite stories over and over. Ask your baby questions, listening carefully even if he or she cannot talk yet.
- Letter awareness See and feel different shapes. Talk about things that are similar and different. Point to and name letters.
- Print awareness Choose books with few words. Point to words and name them. Allow your child to hold the book and turn the pages.
- Vocabulary awareness As your baby babbles and talks, listen carefully and answer. Ask questions. Point to and name images.
- Phonological awareness Recite nursery rhymes. Emphasize rhyming words. Sing to your child. Also, add actions when singing and rhyming.



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