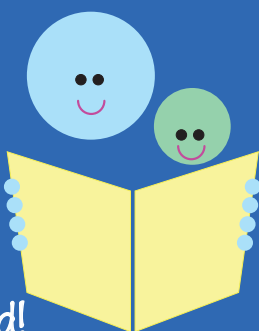


The Little Bookshelf

Please read to your child!



Fact Sheet #5 for baby's 5th 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 5th month of your baby's life:

- Slowly increase your reading time with your baby every day.
- Hold the book where you baby can see the pictures clearly and easily.
- Choose a picture book with images of babies.
- Choose a picture book that makes soft sounds.
- Choose a book of rhymes or a book you can "sing" to your baby.
- Encourage baby to "read" the book with you.
- Continue to point to and name objects and pictures in the book.
- Ask your baby, "What's that?" then name the object and encourage your baby to mimic you.

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