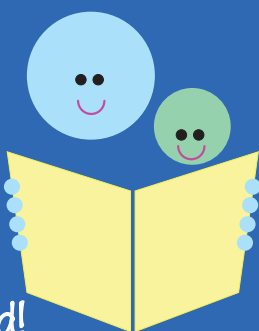


The Little Bookshelf

Please read to your child!



Fact Sheet #7

for baby's 7th 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 7th month of your baby's life:

- Read to your baby every day, increasing the time gradually.
- Choose simple stories about real life events – eating, taking a bath, going to bed and so forth.
- Choose books that allow your baby to put his or her hands through holes or to move parts.
- Read books that invite your child to repeat words, phrases or rhymes.
- Encourage your baby to join in – "moo" like the cow or finish a phrase.
- Point to, name and talk about the pictures in the story. Describe what is happening.
- Use reading to calm your baby when he or she is fussy.



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