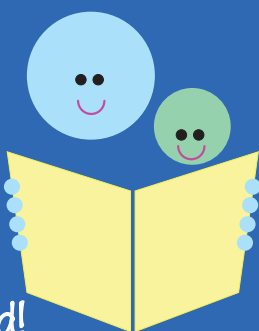


The Little Bookshelf

Please read to your child!



Fact Sheet #9 for baby's 9th 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 9th month of your baby's life:

- Keep reading time short – 5-10 minutes is best.
- Ask others to read to your child – grandparents, aunts, siblings.
- Take advantage of everyday moments by putting books in your baby bag. Then, while waiting at the doctor's office or on the bus, you can read to your baby.
- Make reading part of your bedtime routine.
- Make reading a performance. Vary your voice, sing, hug and tickle your baby at the appropriate times.
- Stop for a while if your baby loses interest or gets upset.
- Notice what your child's interest are, and talk about them.



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