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Months

Make reading a part of every day.

Babies find out about their world and language. Point out and name animals, household objects, people, colors and shapes in books.

Relax and have fun with your baby!

Babies love rhymes and songs. Sing and listen to music whenever you can.

Read often, for short time periods.

Babies can sit and hold books. Some babies may even begin turning pages.

Babies are learning that speech includes "taking turns." When you read and talk to your baby, pause as though you're having a conversation.

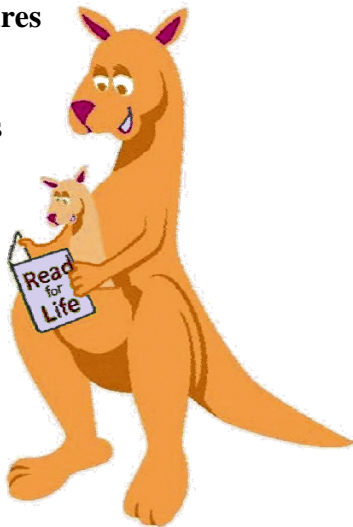
Choose books with few words on each page and books with bold, clear pictures.

Babies like to see pictures

- of animals
- of faces
- of familiar objects

Babies like to hear

- simple stories
- repeating words
- rhyming
- goodnight stories



Read for Life is a family-based literacy program in Tulare County that encourages parents to provide the foundation for reading beginning at birth.

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Visit your local library and local bookstore as often as possible. Check out story hour!

Some good books for a nine-month old:

Me Baby, You Baby
by Ashley Wolff

Old McDonald
by Rosemary Wells

Baby Dance
by Ann Taylor

Whose Mouse Are You?
by Robert Kraus

Goodnight Moon
by Margaret Wise Brown

A Hat for Minerva Louise
by Janet Morgan Stoeke

Have You Seen My Duckling?
by Nancy Tafuri

Jamberry
by Bruce Degen

A Good Day
By Kevin Henkes

Hush Little Baby
by Alik

Bear Snores On
by Karma Wilson

Color Zoo
by Lois Ehlert

