

2 Years



Make reading a part of every day.

Two-year-old's brains are developing very quickly. The brain is 90% of adult size by age 5. Nourish your child's healthy brain development.

Two-year-olds are very independent and may want to do things all by themselves, including choosing books and telling the story their own way.

Two-year-olds can learn a lot. Reading new stories and poems adds new words to your toddler's speech.

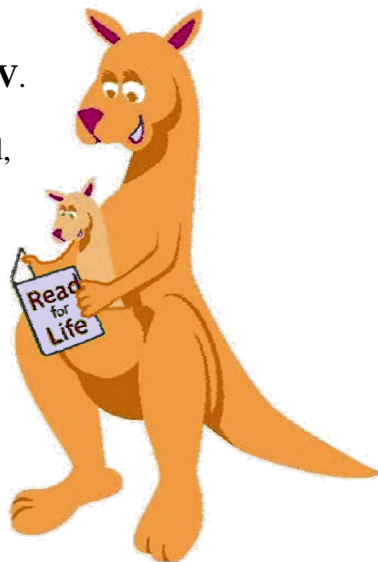
Two-year-olds learn from stories they hear. They learn about their world and about getting along with others.

Don't force reading. If your toddler wants to stop or do something else, that's OK.

Use reading as a beginning for conversations. Here's an example: "Oh, look! There's a picture of the moon. Do you remember when we saw the full moon last week?"

Try turning off the TV. Play with your child. When he or she is tired, cuddle and tell or read 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.
www.readforlife.org



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Visit your local library and local bookstore as often as possible. Many libraries have story times for toddlers.

Choose books with:

- lots of everyday objects
- simple stories
- the same words repeated over and over
- humor

Some good books for a two-year-old:

Round Is a Mooncake: A Book of Shapes
by Roseanne Thong

I Had a Hippopotamus!
by Hector Viveros Lee

Jesse Bear What Will You Wear?
by Nancy Carlstrom

Sam Who Never Forgets
by Eve Rice

Fire Truck
by Peter Sis

The Snowy Day
by Ezra Jack Keats

Little Gorilla
by Ruth Bomstein

Sheep in a Jeep
by Nancy Shaw

Good Night Owl
by Pat Hutchins

On Mother's Lap
by Ann Herbert Scott

Mother, Mother, I Want Another
by Maria Robbins

