



Grow with Books

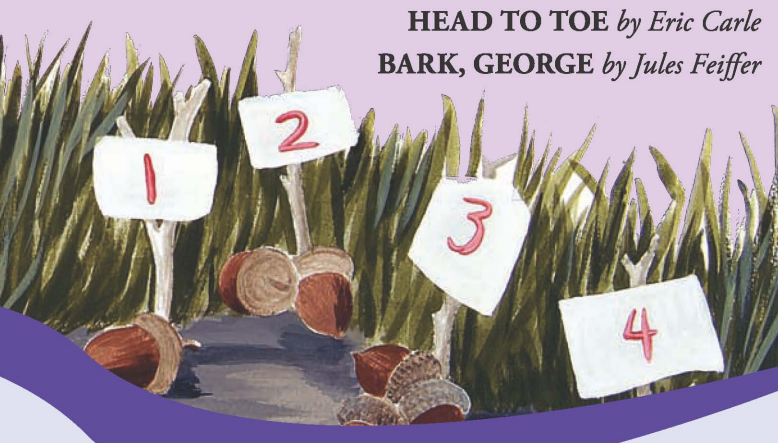
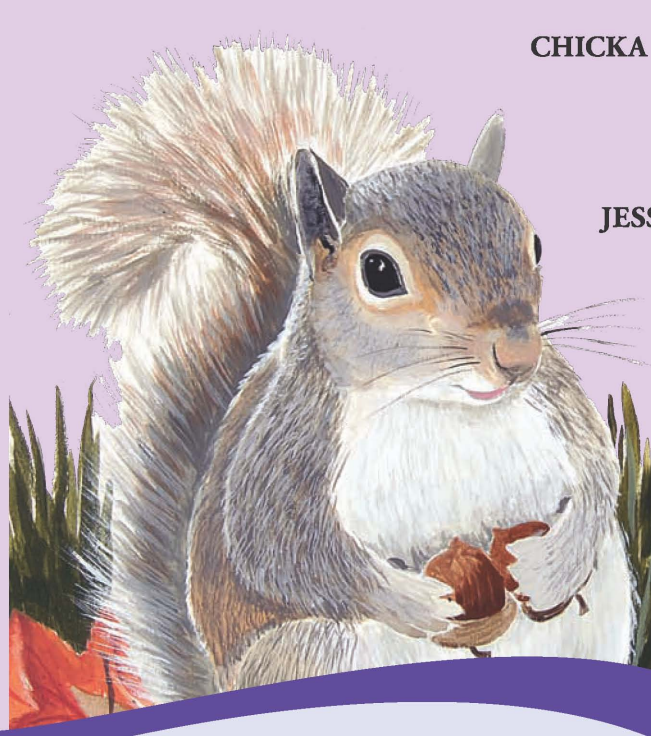
“Learning to read begins before children start school. From the time they are infants, children develop language and other important pre-reading skills. Developing these early literacy skills makes it easier for children to read once they begin school.”
-ALSC/PLA Every Child Ready to Read®

OLDER TODDLERS (2-3 YEARS)

Let your child see you reading. Talk about stories you read together. Encourage your child to act out stories. Give books as gifts to your child. Attend story time at your public library. Play word games such as “I Spy.” Children should be able to name familiar pictures, turn one page at a time, and carry a book around the house. Although they are able to concentrate on simple stories, there needs to be a great deal of one-on-one interaction and physical activity.

BOOKS TO SHARE

- BE GENTLE! by Virginia Miller
- BROWN BEAR, BROWN BEAR, WHAT DO YOU SEE? by Bill Martin Jr. and Eric Carle
- CHICKA CHICKA BOOM BOOM by Bill Martin Jr. and John Archambault
- COLOR ZOO by Lois Ehlert
- DINOSAUR ROAR! by Paul Stickland and Henrietta Stickland
- IN THE TALL, TALL GRASS by Denise Fleming
- JESSE BEAR, WHAT WILL YOU WEAR? by Nancy White Carlstrom
- MOUSE MESS by Linnea Asplind Riley
- SILLY LITTLE GOOSE! by Nancy Tafuri
- THE WHEELS ON THE BUS by Raffi
- HEAD TO TOE by Eric Carle
- BARK, GEORGE by Jules Feiffer

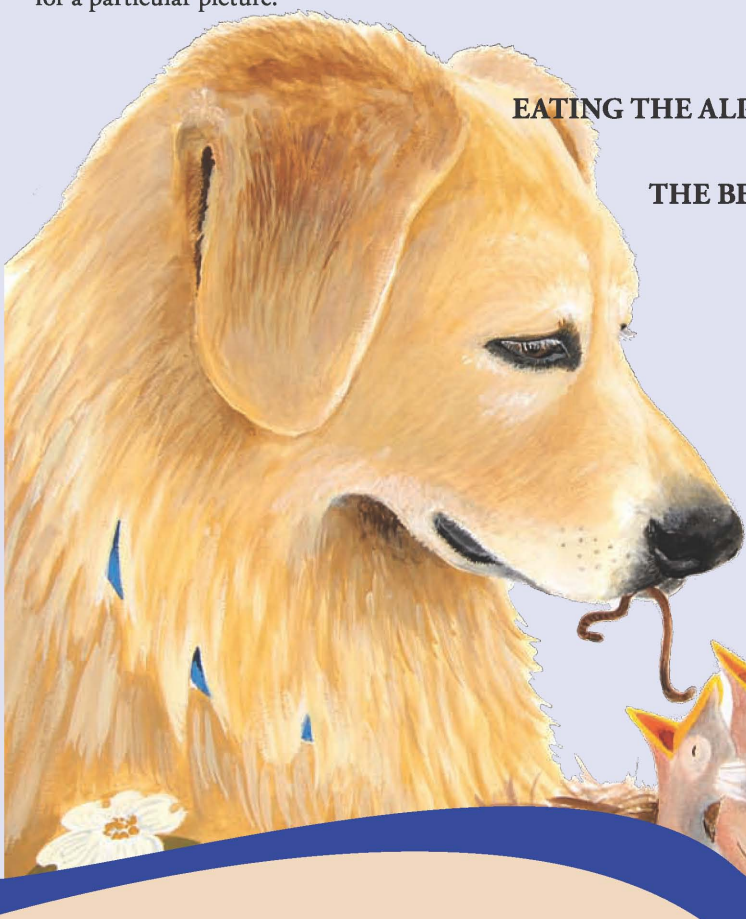


TODDLERS (15 MONTHS - 2 YEARS)

Read to your child often. Children this age enjoy hearing the same story over and over. Let your child turn the pages of the book and talk about what you are reading. Look for books about all kinds of families and familiar objects to share. Provide a special place or shelf for your children's books. Encourage your child to name familiar objects in the book. Get a library card and go to the public library regularly to borrow books. At this age, children should be able to hold a book with help, turn pages, point at pictures, and make sounds for a particular picture.

BOOKS TO SHARE

- EATING THE ALPHABET: FRUITS AND VEGETABLES FROM A TO Z by Lois Ehlert
- THE BEAR WENT OVER THE MOUNTAIN by Rosemary Wells
- BIG DOG AND LITTLE DOG by Dav Pilkey
- IN THE SMALL, SMALL POND by Denise Fleming
- FIVE LITTLE MONKEYS JUMPING ON THE BED by Eileen Christelow
- FREIGHT TRAIN by Donald Crews
- JAMBERRY by Bruce Degen
- PAT THE BUNNY by Dorothy Kunhardt
- SHEEP IN A JEEP by Nancy Shaw
- TEN, NINE, EIGHT by Molly Bang
- TIME FOR BED by Mem Fox



OLDER BABIES (7-14 MONTHS)

Hold your child on your lap and enjoy sharing books together. Let your child point to objects in a book to increase exploration with hands. They should be able to reach for books and to touch and feel pictures. Praise your child's attempts to use real words. Read, sing, and say nursery rhymes to help your child learn rhythm and rhyme. Children this age prefer pictures of real faces and enjoy games like peek-a-boo and pat-a-cake.

BOOKS TO SHARE

- WELCOME, BABY! BABY RHYMES FOR BABY TIMES by Stephanie Calmenson
- TWINKLE TWINKLE LITTLE STAR by Jeanette Winter
- CLAP HANDS by Helen Oxenbury
- DANCE BABY DANCE by Margaret Wise Brown
- GOODNIGHT MOON by Margaret Wise Brown
- ANIMAL KISSES by Barney Saltzberg
- THE BABY GOES BEEP by Rebecca O'Connell
- BROWN SUGAR BABIES by Charles R. Smith Jr.
- MY COLORS (MIS COLORES) by Rebecca Emberly
- RED, BLUE, YELLOW SHOE by Tana Hoban
- PEEKABOO MORNING by Rachel Isadora
- TEN TINY TICKLES by Karen Katz



NEWBORNS (BIRTH TO 6 MONTHS)

Read and sing to your baby. Before babies understand words, they enjoy hearing your voice. Talk to your baby. Call your baby by name. Talk about what you are doing. Play with your baby. Your child is begging to use language when he or she coos, babbles, and squeals. Show objects and pictures to your baby. Name the brightly colored objects in a book.

BOOKS TO SHARE

- TOMIE'S LITTLE MOTHER GOOSE by Tomie DePaola
- ANIMAL CRACKERS NURSERY RHYMES by Jane Dyer
- TICKLE, TICKLE by Helen Oxenbury
- HUG by Jez Alborough
- DEAR ZOO by Rod Campbell
- BABY ROCK, BABY ROLL by Stella Blackstone
- BLACK ON WHITE by Tana Hoban
- BLUE HAT, GREEN HAT by Sandra Boynton
- HOW A BABY GROWS by Nola Buck
- MY FIRST BABY GAMES by Jane Manning
- PEEK-A-BOO! by Janet and Allan Ahlberg



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