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**Children at every age benefit from hearing books read aloud:**

**Babies (0 - 12 mo.)** love the sound of your voice even before they understand the words. Rhyming books with lots of rhythm hold a baby's interest and are very comforting.

Babies also love looking at faces. Books with photographs of other babies or of objects are great to talk about with your little one.

**Toddlers (12 - 18 mo.)** are learning new words, how to hold a book, and how to turn board book pages. Toddlers enjoy books that relate to their own experiences.

**Youngsters (18 - 24 mo.)** are beginning to notice details in the illustrations. Youngsters can learn the names of objects you point to in books.

**2-Year-Olds** have favorite books and can predict what's going to happen in a story. Read books that describe a series of events. Ask, "What's going to happen next?"

**3-Year-Olds** have a longer attention span and can listen to books with more words. They are also developing a sense of humor! Pick books that keep reading fun and introduce new ideas.

**4-Year-Olds** often memorize the words of their favorite book, even before they learn to read. Ask your child to retell his or her favorite book.

**The most important reason to read to your child is to share time together.**



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# How to Choose a Children's Book

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- Will my child like this book?
- Do I like the pictures? Will my child?
- Is this a book I want my child to hear?
- Is this a book I want to read again and again?



## Family Reading Partnership

...a few of our favorites

Birth to 12 months

- Animal Crackers** by Jane Dyer
- Peek-a-Boo** (and the Baby Faces series)
- Goodnight Moon** by Margaret Wise Brown
- Wrapping Paper Romp** by Patricia Hubbell

12+ months

- Ten, Nine, Eight** by Molly Bang
- I Went Walking** by Sue Williams
- Mr. Brown Can Moo, Can You?** by Dr. Seuss
- Good Night Gorilla** by Peggy Rathman

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- Love Me, Love You** by Susan H. O'Keefe
- Lunch** by Denise Fleming
- Silly Little Goose** by Nancy Tafuri
- Freight Train** by Donald Crews

2+ years

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- Harold and the Purple Crayon** by

Crockett Johnson

- I Love You Stinky Face** by Lisa McCourt

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- Sheila Rae the Brave** by Kevin Henkes
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- Leo the Late Bloomer** by Robert Kraus
- Make Way for Ducklings** by Robert McClosky

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