



## Did you know...



Building your child's vocabulary is one of the most important skills you can develop to help them be successful when they get to school. You are building vocabulary as you sing with them, play games like "peek-a-boo", and point out print on food containers.

### Language Milestones- Birth to 3 years old

0-6 months	Back and forth noises
4-12 months	Babbling, tries to repeat sounds
6-15 months	Imitating, 1-2 words
10-18 months	First words, meaningful gestures, 4-6 words
15-24 months	Putting words together
24-36 months	Makes 3 word sentences, has 250-900 words

## Here's how...



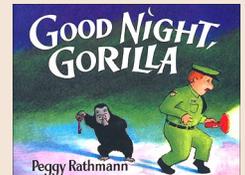
- ✦ Surround your child with print. Make labels for objects around the house, such as table or chair.
- ✦ Talk with your child in the language you speak at home. If they build a vocabulary of words in their home language it will help them to build a vocabulary of words in English as they get older.
- ✦ Hearing language on TV or the computer is not as effective for building vocabulary as talking directly with your child. Dressing and feeding your child are great opportunities for talking with them.

## Read



### **Good Night Gorilla, by Peggy Rathmann**

It's night time and the zookeeper is making sure the animals are ready to sleep. But what is the gorilla doing? This mostly wordless book will give your child a chance to help tell the story. Children love repetition and will learn the names of zoo animals as they read this classic children's book.



### **More Peggy Rathmann books for toddlers:**

*The Day the Babies Crawled Away*

*10 Minutes Until Bedtime*

*Bootsie Barker Bites* (written by Barbara Bottner)

## Choosing Books



### **More wordless books...**

*Hug*, by Jez Alborough

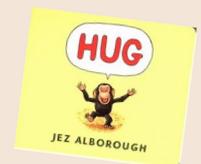
*Have You Seen My Duckling?* by Nancy Tafuri

*Trainstop*, by Barbara Lehman

*Black & White*, by Tana Hoban

*You're a Good Dog, Carl!* by Alexandra Day

*My New Baby*, by Annie Kubler



## Talk



Gather any stuffed animals that your child has and put them in a box or basket. Pull the animals out one at a time and say, “Goodnight dog” or “Goodnight cow”- naming the animal. Using objects helps children make connections to the words they hear and builds vocabulary.

## Write



The first stage in writing is scribbling, so give your child lots of opportunities to scribble on paper. It is easier for them to hold a fat crayon than a thin pencil when they’re getting started. A fun way to practice writing is to give them a medium size paintbrush while they’re in the bathtub. They can practice writing letters with water on the shower wall or bathtub.

## Play



### Monkey See, Monkey Do

Monkey see, Monkey Do.

Monkey does the same as you.

When you clap, clap, clap your hands,  
The monkey claps, claps, claps its hands.

Monkey see, Monkey do.

Monkey does the same as you.

*Do these motions or make up your own:*

Stomp your feet...

Wave your arms...

Turn your head...



## Sing



### Star Light, Star Bright

Star light, Star bright,

First star I see tonight.

I wish I may,

I wish I might,

Have the wish I wish  
tonight.



## At your library...



Idaho Family Reading Week is an annual statewide celebration of reading as a family activity. The theme this year is “Building a Community of Readers.” Libraries across the state are planning fun events that celebrate family reading.

Ask your librarian about special events and programs planned for Family Reading Week, November 16—22, 2014.