



## Did you know...



Research shows that young children who have spent a lot of time “talking” with adults learn more words, and this helps them become better readers. Knowing many words will help your child recognize and understand written words and language when it is time to learn to read.

### 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, uses 1-2 words
10-18 months	First words, meaningful gestures, uses 4-6 words
15-24 months	Putting words together
24-36 months	Makes 3 word sentences, uses 250-900 words

## Here's how...



- ❖ Hearing language on TV is not as effective as talking directly with your child. Dressing and feeding your child are great opportunities for talking with them.
- ❖ Talk with your children in the language you speak at home. Building lots of words in their home language will help them build words in English as they get older.
- ❖ Tell your baby or toddler what you are doing as you go about your daily activities. “It’s cold outside, so we are putting on your coat and hat!” Describe what your baby is doing. “You’re smiling! I see you are happy today.”

## Read



### **Love You, Hug You, Read to You, by Tish Rabe**



Love and reading are gifts we can give to our children every day. This book includes questions for you to ask your child— if they are talking they can answer you with their voice; if they are not talking yet, help them point to the pictures and answer the questions yourself. Either way, you can snuggle up with your little one and enjoy this book, together!

## Choosing Books



### **More books like Love You, Hug You, Read to You:**

*Book!/Libro!* by Kristine O’Connell George

*Lola Reads to Leo*, by Anna McQuinn

*Guess How Much I Love You*, by Sam McBratney

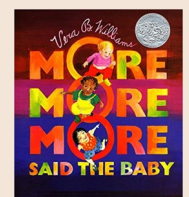
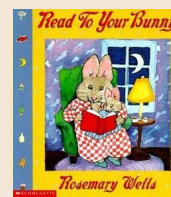
*More, More, More, Said the Baby*, by Vera B. Williams

*Goodnight Moon*, by Margaret Wise Brown

*Llama Llama Loves to Read*, by Anna Dewdney

*Read, Read, Baby!* by Anna Bardaus

*Read to Your Bunny*, by Rosemary Wells



## Talk



Playing peek-a-boo with your little one helps her brain grow. Ways to play: cover your eyes, put a towel over your face, put your toddler's hands over his face and then take them away; draw a face on your thumb and hide it under your other fingers; put a toy or stuffed animal under a blanket, then take the blanket away. Say "peek-a-boo" each time. This game helps your child learn that you (or an object) do not disappear when he or she cannot see you.

## Ready to Write



You will need an old photo album from around the house or from a thrift/dollar store or yard sale. Insert photos of your baby/toddler and use stickers or file labels to write a caption such as "Happy," or "Sleepy." You could also make a book of your family, labeling "Dad," or "cat." Your child will love "reading" these books with you over and over again!

## Sing



### Did You Ever See a Baby?

*(Tune: Did You Ever See a Lassie?)*

Did you ever see a baby, a baby, a baby?  
Did you ever see a baby go this way and that?  
    Go this way and that way,  
    and this way and that way.  
Did you ever see a baby go this way and that?  
Did you ever see a baby, a baby, a baby?  
    Did you ever see a baby bounce  
        this way and that?  
    Bounce this way and that way  
        and this way and that way.  
    Did you ever see a baby  
        bounce this way and that?

To see a video of this song see:  
[www.youtube.com/birth2six](http://www.youtube.com/birth2six)



## Play



### Baby Bounce: To Market, To Market

*(Gently bounce baby to rhythm)*

To market, to market, to buy a fat pig,  
Home again, home again, jiggety-jig.

To market, to market, to buy a fat hog,  
Home again, home again, jiggety-jog.

You can see a video of how to do the bounce at  
[www.wccls.org/rhymes/to-market-to-market](http://www.wccls.org/rhymes/to-market-to-market)

### Tickle Rhyme: Five Little Piggies

*(Gently squeeze each of your child's toes)*

This little piggy went to market,  
This little piggy stayed at home,  
This little piggy ate roast beef,  
This little piggy had none.

And this little piggy went...

"Wee wee wee wee wee"

(tickle your fingers up your child's leg)

All the way home...

## At your library...



Idaho Family Reading Week is an annual statewide celebration of reading as a family activity. The theme this year is "*Adventure Awaits—Reading Takes You Anywhere!*"

Ask your librarian about special events and programs planned for Family Reading Week, November 10—16, 2019.