



Every Your Child Ready to Read

"Babies" Toddler Time @ Corinth Library

Extension Activities to help practice the six pre-reading skills*
your child can start learning from birth!

1. Narrative Skills: Being able to describe things and events and tell stories.

- Talk with your child about what we did at toddler time today.
- Can the two of you retell what happened in one of these stories from today :
 - Star Baby by Margaret O'Hair
 - Babies on the Go by Linda Ashman
 - Sleepy-O! by Harriet Ziefert
 - Me Baby, You Baby by Ashley Wolff
- Check out a book to read at home and then talk about what happens first, next and last in the story.

2. Print Motivation: Being interested in and enjoying books.

- Children who enjoy books will want to learn to read, help your child pick a book she/he wants to take home.
- Let your child see you reading for your enjoyment.

3. Vocabulary: Knowing the name of things.

- Ask your child to name things that a baby might need.
- Point to objects not listed by your child and see if they know the words.

4. Print Awareness: Noticing print, knowing how to handle books & how to follow the words on a page.

- When you read to your child, point to some of the words as you say them, especially words that are repeated.

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5. Letter Knowledge: Knowing letters are different from each other, knowing their names and sounds and recognizing letters everywhere.

- Help your child play with the letter “B”: You can draw it with a crayon, shape it out of play dough, line up blueberries on their lunch plate.

6. Phonological Awareness: Being able to hear and play with the smaller sounds in words.

- Say the rhymes from toddler time at home. Rhymes help children hear the sounds that make up words, a skill that helps children sound out words as they begin to read.
- Sing the songs from toddler time, in most songs each syllable in a word gets a different note.

Five Little Babies

Five little babies lying in the crib,
Crying for their mommies to get fed.
In comes a mommy, kisses on a head.
Then, 4 little babies lying in a crib.

4 little babies lying in the crib.... 3..2..1...

Five little babies done drinking their milk,
Heads on mommy's shoulder, almost time to nap.
Mommy gives each a Pat, pat, pat.
Till burp goes each baby, burp, burp, burp.

All for Baby

Here's a Ball for Baby
Big and soft and round.
(touch fingertips of both hands together)

Here's the baby's hammer
Oh, see how he can pound
(pound one fist on the other)

Here is the baby's music
Clapping, clapping so. *(clap hands)*

Here are the baby's soliders
Standing in a row.
(hold up hands with ten fingers)

Here is baby's trumpet
Toot, too, too, too, too
(hold one fist over the other in front of mouth)

Here's the way that baby plays peek-a-boo!
(cover eyes with fingers)

Here's a big umbrella
To keep the baby dry.
(raise index finger & cup the other hand over)

Here is baby's cradle
Rock-a-baby bye.
(interlock fingers to make cradle)

Hush Little Baby

Hush little baby, don't say a word,
Papa's gonna buy you a mockingbird.
If that mockingbird don't sing,
Papa's gonna buy you a diamond ring.

If that diamond ring turns to brass,
Papa's gonna buy you a looking glass.
If that looking glass should drop,
Papa's gonna buy you a spinning top.

If that spinning top won't twirl,
Papa's gonna bring you a dog named Pearl.
If that dog named Pearl don't bark,
Papa's gonna bring you a horse and cart.

If that horse and cart get stuck,
Papa's gonna bring you a big red truck!
Hush, little baby, don't you cry,
Mama's gonna sing you a lullaby

Rock-a-Bye Baby

Rock-a-bye baby,
in the tree top.
When the wind blows the
cradle will rock. If the bough
breaks the cradle will fall.
And down will come
baby cradle and all.

Twinkle, Twinkle

Twinkle, twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are.
Up above the world so high, like a
diamond in the sky.
Twinkle, twinkle little star,
How I wonder what you are.



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