

Talking With Your Infant-- Development of Spoken Language Advice for Parents

- Have fun with your baby. The time you spend together; laughing, talking, and singing is important learning time.
- Provide a variety of early experiences. Playing on the floor, listening to books, walking in the yard, stroller walks in the park, being part of family gatherings all help your child build important background knowledge about their world.
- Provide feedback when your baby vocalizes. When she makes noises, make noises back. When she smiles, tell her you like her smile. When she reaches for something, acknowledge that she wants something.
- Talk to your baby during daily routines like bathing, dressing and diapering. This will help your child make sense of his world and people around him.
- Remember that your baby will understand far more words than he is able to say himself. Production of real words will occur at about age one.