

Reading With Your Infant

What the Research Says:

- Reading aloud to your infant is an activity that teaches your child to listen, pay attention, and learn new words.
- Children who have been talked and read to from an early age will have heard 32 million more words than children who did not have those rich experiences.
- When your infant learns early to associate reading with pleasure, she is more likely to enjoy reading when she gets older.
- Newborns see things, including books, best from about one foot away, the distance from your face to your baby's when being held.
- Babies are born learners but are not born book learners; so the more they are read to, the more they learn.
- Children who are read to from an early age are more likely to learn to read on time when they enter school.
- Babies love, and learn from repetition, so hearing favorite books over and over strengthens learning.