

12-24 MONTHS

PARENT GUIDE TO READING ALOUD

Try to find time every day to share books.

PARENT

- Smile and answer when your child speaks or points
- Let your child help turn the pages; keep naming things
- Use books in family routines; nap time, playtime, bedtime; on the potty; in the car, bus
- Use books to calm or distract your child while waiting

CHILD

- Holds and walks with book
- No longer puts book in mouth right away
- Turns board book pages

NEW SKILLS

- Says single words, then 2- to 4-word phrases
- Gives book to adult to read
- Points at pictures
- Turns book right-side up
- Names pictures, follows simple stories

WHAT TO READ

- Let your child choose which book to read
- Find stories about things your child likes
- Board books; rhyming books; picture books, books that name things

