

6-12 MONTHS

PARENT GUIDE TO READING ALOUD

Try to find time every day to share books.

PARENT

- Talk back and forth with your baby; make eye contact
- Cuddle, sing, talk, play, read
- Point at and name things: nose, ball, dog...
- Follow baby's cues for "more" or "stop"
- Play games such as "peek-a-boo" or "pat-a-cake"

CHILD

- Holds head steady
- Sits in lap without support
- Grasps book, puts in mouth
- Drops, throws book

NEW SKILLS

- Smiles, babbles, coos
- Likes and wants your voice
- Likes pictures of baby faces
- Begins to say "ma", "ba", "da"
- Responds to own name
- Pats picture to show interest

WHAT TO READ

- Let your child choose which book to read
- Find stories about things your child likes
- Board and cloth books; books with baby faces; nursery rhymes

