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

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