

Learning to speak, read, write and communicate well begins at birth.

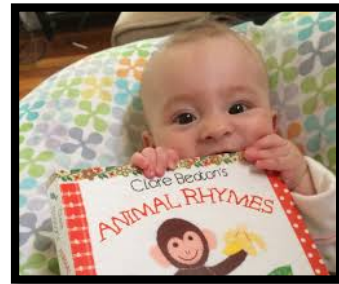
Here's what you can do to build your children's language and literacy skills in fun everyday ways.

WHY? The kind of books that you choose are just as important as how you share them together. Choose books that build on your child's interest, as well as books that reflect their daily experience. The best books for your child will be the one they enjoy.

Books Children Like:

Babies

Books with large, simple pictures or black and white designs.
Board book, cloth and soft vinyl books.
Photo Albums of family and friends



Toddlers

Interactive books, (Look under the flap, touch and feel)
Nursery Rhyme books.
ABC and Counting books
Books about your child's interest (dinosaurs, cars, animals)
Concept books (Colours, shapes, letter, numbers)
Books with bright colourful pictures



Pre-school

Re-read old favorites
Stories that have repetitive phrases or follow a pattern that invite your child to join in the reading.
Books with simple storylines.
Simple rhyming books that can be memorized.
Books with interesting pictures that encourage discussion.

Learning More than ONE LANGUAGE

Communicate, read to and teach your child in a language you speak best.
Find ways to expose your child to the language(s) you want them to learn.

*Building Language and literacy at home....making learning FUN!
Literacy.....learning for life.*

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