

The popularity of reading with children has been decreasing over the years as the rate at which children play video games and watch television has increased. Reading to your baby at a young age is a fabulous way to cultivate a love of reading early on in a child's life. Follow these easy tips and you'll be on your way to sowing that reading seed.

### **Essential Tips For Reading Books To Your Baby**

Give your son or daughter the gift of reading to them daily. Taking the time to read to your baby is a great way to bond and help stimulate your child's intellectual development. As the child grows and learns to read on their own, these daily sessions can help cultivate a love of reading that can last a lifetime. Reading is one of the best tools a parent can use to teach their children about life and the world around them. Get started today by following these fantastic tips.

1) Newborn babies are comforted by the sounds of Mom & Dad's voice. So soothe your 0 to 6 month old by singing favorite lullabies such as Rock a Bye Baby or Hush, Little Baby when you are doing daily activities such as changing their diaper, feeding them or bathing them.

2) Babies in the 6 – 12 month age range benefit greatly from a scheduled reading activity with Mom & Dad. This age is also a critical time in their motor skill development. So schedule a daily time like before or after naptime or bedtime when you read to your child. They will enjoy cuddling up on your lap and listening to the rhythmic sound of your voice as you read them one of your favorite books or nursery rhymes. Most importantly, don't get discouraged if you can only hold the child's attention for a few minutes at a time. They are just at the age when they get easily distracted. One way to help baby stay focused is to buy one of the many books on the market that offer interactive experiences where baby can touch and feel textures or push buttons to hear sounds like fire engine sirens or cows mooing. For classic and traditional books, involve baby by making faces and sounds or substituting their name for characters in the book. Be sure that they can easily see the pictures in the book while you are telling the story. Before you know it, the child will be playing with the books even when you aren't reading to them. Of course, this means chewing and throwing will

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3) Toddlers in the 1 – 3 year age range will likely look forward to their daily ritual of reading if you’ve already established a routine

that they can look forward to. If you haven’t yet started reading to them, there is no time like the present to get started. Let your child pick the books that he or she wants you to read so that they feel involved. Of course, this means that you might be reading the same book over and over again which can be extremely tiring, but it will allow them to start recognizing words and the storyline as they test their memory. Use books to introduce

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colors, shapes, textures, letters and so forth in a fun way. Kids will love turning the pages and interacting with the talking books that are on the market today. And remember if your son or daughter is feeling anxious, antsy or is simply in a bad mood, they may not want to read right then so just try again later when they are well rested and a bit happier. The last thing that you want is for your child to have a negative reading experience.

4) As your child gets to preschool age (four and up), their reading skills will likely be good enough for you to take turns reading to each other. Encourage their cognitive skills and imagination by asking questions about the book they just read or what would make the book more fun, etc. Their imagination will go to work and they’ll be telling all kinds of great stories. Use books to introduce concepts like being nice to other kids and not talking to stranger. Maria Shriver has written a couple of books like ‘What’s Wrong with Timmy?’ and ‘What’s Heaven?’ that help children get through difficult family situations like death or a child born with a disability. Continue with your routine of having regular reading sessions and watch your child become a

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