

3 YEARS AND UP

Your child's abilities:

- 📖 competent handling of books
- 📖 turns pages of books one at a time
- 📖 listens to longer stories
- 📖 can retell familiar stories
- 📖 understands what text is
- 📖 moves finger along text
- 📖 "writes" name
- 📖 is moving toward letter recognition



What you can do to promote your child's literacy development:

- 📖 ask, "what's happening?"
- 📖 encourage writing and drawing and have materials available

AND REMEMBER...

When it comes to developmental markers of any sort, the most important thing to remember is:



The fact that a child reaches a marker or passes through a stage is almost always more important than the age of the child when he or she does it!

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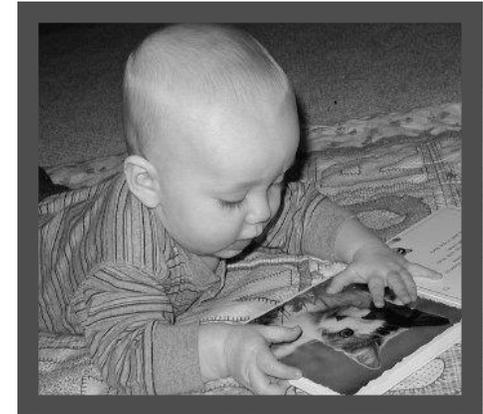


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EARLY LITERACY STAGES



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STAGES OF EARLY LITERACY DEVELOPMENT

Your child is growing and developing in many ways - physically, mentally, and socially. From birth, your child is also developing his early literacy skills. The following is a guide of abilities for each age level and simple things you as a parent can do to further promote your child's early literacy. Remember, all children are different and develop skills at different times.

6 ~ 12 MONTH OLDS

Your infant's abilities:

- 📖 reaches for books
- 📖 puts books in her mouth
- 📖 sits in your lap and holds head steady
- 📖 turns pages with your help
- 📖 looks at pictures
- 📖 vocalizes and pats the pictures
- 📖 prefers pictures of faces



What you can do to promote your infant's literacy development:

- 📖 hold your infant comfortably with a face-to-face gaze
- 📖 follow your infant's cues for "more" and "stop"
- 📖 point to and name pictures

12 ~ 18 MONTH OLDS

Your baby's abilities:

- 📖 sits without support
- 📖 may carry books around with him
- 📖 holds books with help
- 📖 turns the pages of board books, several at a time
- 📖 no longer puts objects in her mouth right away
- 📖 points at pictures with one finger
- 📖 may make the same sound for a particular picture
- 📖 points when he's asked, "where is...?"
- 📖 turns books right side up
- 📖 gives books to you to read

What you can do to promote your baby's literacy development:

- 📖 respond to your baby's prompting to read books
- 📖 let your baby control the book
- 📖 be comfortable with your baby's short attention span
- 📖 ask, "where is the...?" and let her point to it

18 ~ 24 MONTH OLDS

Your toddler's abilities:

- 📖 turns board books pages easily, one page at a time
- 📖 carries books around the house
- 📖 may use books as transitional objects
- 📖 names familiar pictures
- 📖 fills in the words in familiar stories
- 📖 "reads" to dolls or stuffed animals
- 📖 recites parts of well-known stories
- 📖 his attention span is highly variable



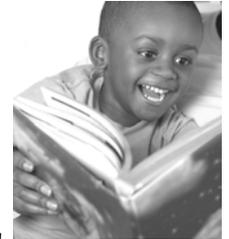
What you can do to promote your toddler's literacy development:

- 📖 relate the books you read to your toddler's experiences
- 📖 use books in routines and bedtimes
- 📖 ask "what's that?" and give your toddler time to answer
- 📖 pause and let your toddler complete the sentence in books with repeating or familiar lines

24 ~ 36 MONTH OLDS

Your toddlers abilities:

- 📖 learns to handle paper pages
- 📖 goes back and forth in books to find her favorite pictures
- 📖 recites whole phrases, sometimes whole stories
- 📖 he can coordinate text with pictures
- 📖 protests when you get a word wrong in a familiar story
- 📖 reads familiar books to himself



What you can do to promote your toddler's literacy development:

- 📖 keep using books in routines
- 📖 read to your toddler at bedtime
- 📖 be willing to read the same story over and over again
- 📖 ask, "what's that?"
- 📖 relate books to your toddler's experiences
- 📖 provide crayons and paper

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