

SUGGESTED BOOKS TO READ WITH TODDLERS:

Goodnight Moon

Margaret Wise Brown

The Napping House

Don and Audrey Wood

Where's Spot?

Eric Hill

Let's Go Visiting

Sue Williams

The Bed Book

Harriet Ziefert

Barnyard Banter

Denise Fleming

Little Cloud

Eric Carle

Let's Go Visiting

Sue Williams

Lucky Song

Vera B. Williams

Bunny Cakes

Rosemary Wells

Clap Your Hands

Lorinda Bryan Cauley

Book! Book! Book!

Deborah Bruss

Window Music

Anastasia Suen

Bear's Busy Family

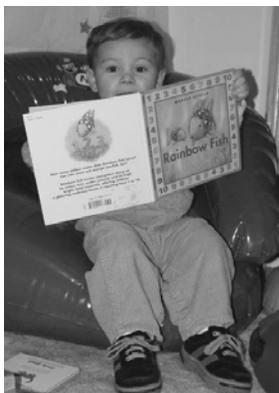
Stella Blackstone

Brown Bear, Brown Bear What Do You See?

Bill Martin Jr.

Growing Vegetable Soup

Lois Ehlert



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TIPS FOR READING TO TODDLERS



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WHAT TO REMEMBER WHEN READING TO TODDLERS

Keeping your busy and independent toddler interested in books and book play may take some special techniques and patience, but having a young child who loves books will make the extra effort worthwhile.

Here are a few things to keep in mind when looking for books for toddlers:

- ◆ Pictures that are colorful, fairly simple, and realistic are most appealing.



- ◆ Text that rhymes or has repeating phrases attracts and engages toddlers.
- ◆ Wordless storybooks encourage creativity, conversation, and personalization of the story to your child.



Toddlers often have a hard time staying in one place and paying attention to one thing. It is important to remember that your concept of snuggling on the couch to read a story may not be the same idea your toddler has. You may want to try the following:

- ◆ Accept that you may only be able to read or talk about a couple of pages at a time. Find short books and books with few words to a page. Consider reading wordless books so that you can make up the story as you go ~ make it shorter or longer, depending upon your attention span.
- ◆ Let your toddler stand while you read if she wants. She may walk away or play with toys, and then come back when your voice sounds especially interesting. Your toddler is still benefiting from hearing the language in the story.
- ◆ Give your child something to eat or drink while you sit together with a

book. When his mouth is busy, the big muscles can often stay still more easily.

- ◆ Exaggerate rhymes and actions to help keep her interest.
- ◆ Involve your toddler. He can jabber along with familiar phrases, act out the action content, and find things hidden in a picture.
- ◆ Follow your child's lead when looking at a book. Name what she points to and talk about it.
- ◆ Enjoy the book without making reading a 'question and answer' session.
- ◆ Include cuddling with your toddler as a part of book play. Learning to be more independent is stressful. Your toddler needs the quiet comfort of reading a book in your



lap. Children who learn to associate reading with warmth and security will enjoy books and reading later in life.