

FIVE EASY WAYS TO HELP YOUR BABY GROW & LEARN:

READ!

Share a book with your baby often. It is the best way to help your baby learn! Come to Baby & Toddler Storytimes!

TALK!

Talk to your baby. The more words your baby hears, the more words your baby will learn, understand, and say. Talk about your daily activities at home, outside, or while shopping.

SING!

Singing with babies helps them hear different language sounds and rhythms. Singing with your baby will help in sounding out words.

PLAY!

Playing with babies helps them learn language skills, develop imagination, and create stories. Playing gets your baby ready to read someday!

WRITE!

Writing and reading go together. Let your baby see you write and let your baby scribble and draw. Grasping crayons or markers strengthens fingers for future writing success.



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Before
Kindergarten

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started in the 1,000 Books Before
Kindergarten program.
icpl.org/1000books



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CHOOSE YOUR ACTIVITY FROM THE LIST BELOW,
AND COLOR IN **ONE STAR** ON THE GAMECARD AS
YOU COMPLETE EACH ACTIVITY. YOU RECEIVE A
PRIZE AFTER YOU COMPLETE EACH LEVEL.

DEVELOP STRONG BONDS WITH YOUR BABY & TODDLER!
EVERY DAY THEY LEARN THROUGH PLAY!

READ!

- ★ Share a book (Repeat this as many times as you want.)
- ★ Attend a Library Program (Repeat this as many times as you want.)
- ★ Sign-up your child for 1,000 Book Before Kindergarten.
- ★ Read Nursery Rhymes. They rhyme and are fun to sing. They help kids learn sounds of language they hear.



TALK!

- ★ Narrate what you do as you go through your day.
- ★ Tell a story about when you were little.
- ★ Talk about what you see when you visit a new place.
- ★ Go shopping and name every item that goes into the cart.



SING!

- ★ Sing a song during bath time or during a diaper change.
- ★ Sing the Hokey Pokey and do the motions.
- ★ Sing your child's favorite song.
- ★ Sing the alphabet song together.

PLAY!

- ★ Encourage imaginary play with your child's stuffed animals.
- ★ Play with blocks. Let your child build and knock down as many times as they want. Kids learn new skills each time.
- ★ Sensory play: offer interesting objects to touch.
- ★ Freeze dance! Play music and encourage your child to dance. Then instruct your child to stop when the music ends.

WRITE!

- ★ Offer chunky crayons and pencils & paper, and encourage your child to scribble.
- ★ Play with play-dough.
- ★ Paint with water on sidewalk, or driveway with sponges & paint brushes.
- ★ Explore with water and sidewalk chalk.

