

Why Read to Babies?

Picture Recognition: Even very young babies are able to focus and pay attention to pictures in books. Reading leads to understanding language.

Ready for school: Babies who are read to from the beginning of life are better prepared for school. A child's ability to absorb language peaks at age 8 months, remains very high until 3 years, and sharply declines at age 8 years.

Speech development: Babies take in the information and start learning about speech patterns. Brain synapses connect between your baby's neurons when you read out loud.

Repetition: Helps build memory, vocabulary, connecting and recital.

Stimulation: Hearing your voice engages your baby's interest in sounds and listening skills and keeps your baby's senses connected to you (voice, tone, physical touch, calm activity).

Narrative Understanding: Helps your baby string meaningful ideas together and enhances imagination.

Communication: Print, word grouping, left to right, spoken words, and gestures are how we communicate. Use character voices.

Socio-emotional development: Reading creates a nurturing environment where trust, safety, problem-solving, and self confidence are developed. Books also connect your baby to other cultures.

Motor development: Turning pages in any form, tracing words and shapes/symbols, feeling textures, chewing, coordination, focus on pages and pictures support development of fine and gross motor skills.