

May 2012 9 months

Oral Language: Playing with Words

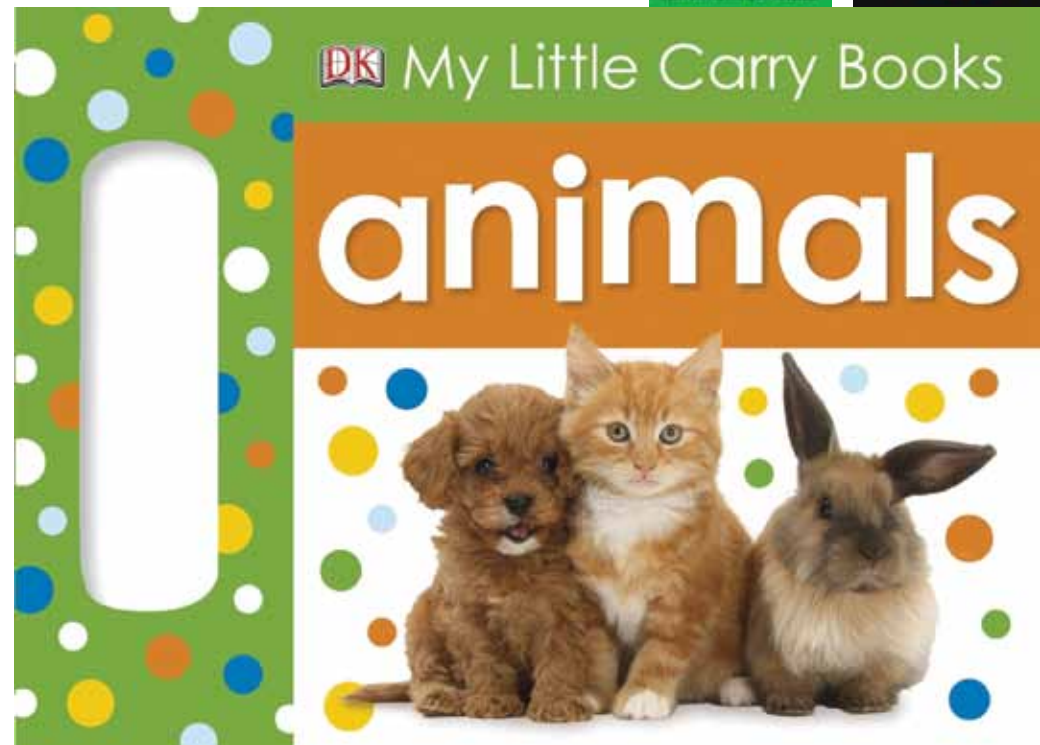
As babies are exposed to more and more book reading throughout their first year, they will develop favorites and begin to choose the books with the sounds they like to hear. Rhyming books are especially popular, especially when they have been read with the cadence of rhyme. After an infant is familiar with a book, you can even pause before you say the second rhyme of the couplet, e.g. “Here’s a big elephant with a long, floppy nose. Here’s a small tree frog with tiny orange.....toes.” (Make sure you point at the body parts when you say them!) This “modeling” of rhyme sets the stage for older toddlers who, with practice, will be able to fill in the rhyming word without your help. This kind of word play goes a long way in setting the stage for strong literacy development.

Other books to share with this age group

Ten Little Fingers (Board Books for Babies)
by Annie Kubler

Row, Row, Row Your Boat (Board Books for Babies)
by Annie Kubler

Past 9-month Raising Readers books



Parent Tip

Share your finger plays, rhymes and songs with parents so they can use them at home.

RAISING READERS THROUGH THE YEAR



Sunday

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Saturday

**Get Caught
Reading Month**

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May 7 –13: Children’s Book Week

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Adults who offer support, model, and respond to early literacy-related interactions help children to become literate.

—Morrow, 2005 (paraphrase)