

# Reading Tips

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- Gaze into your infant's eyes while reading.
- Sing favorite songs.
- Make reading time quiet and cozy.
- Turn off the TV and radio.



- Respond to baby's coos, babbles, and smiles.
- Point to and name pictures in stories.
- Put sturdy books in a basket on the floor.
- Watch baby for cues for "more" or "stop."



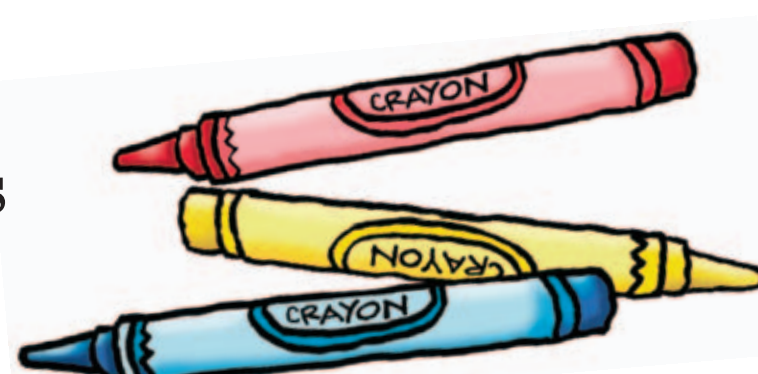
- Let the baby move around as you read.
- Keep books within baby's reach.
- Ask "Where's the . . . ?" Let baby point to pictures.
- Share books at bedtime.
- Create voices for characters in the story.
- Take your child to the library for story time.



- Let toddlers fill in words in familiar stories.
- Ask "What do you think happens next?"
- Ask simple questions about the story.
- Have crayons and paper available.



- Encourage your child to tell stories.
- Move your finger along the words in the story.
- Play word and rhyming games.
- Let your child "read" familiar books to you.



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