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# Site Update

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## Coming Soon: Two New Peek-a-boo Books

At 6—9 months, babies love to play peek-a-boo, laughing with delight when a loved one's face pops out from behind their hands. Lift-the-flap books are the equivalent of playing peek-a-boo with a baby.

**Rainbow Colors Peek-a-boo** adds a new twist to the game of peek-a-boo by adding touch and feel to lift-the-flap activities. Six months is the perfect age to introduce this shared interaction—using a book or hands! Babies will also enjoy exploring a variety of textures on the pages of this book. (Shipping at 6 months beginning in July.)

At 9 months, babies are still delighted with the game of peek-a-boo. **Peek-a-boo WHO?** repeats the peek and flap concept and also introduces animals. Each time a caregiver labels the animals in this book for babies, you begin to help them understand that images, such as that of a cow, have a label associated with them. Babies will love the activity, and when they begin to form words themselves at 12-18 months, will be able to label the animals themselves. (Shipping at 9 months beginning in July.)



*Adapted from 2010 Maine Early Literacy Calendar*  
([http://raisingreaders.org/about\\_us/2010\\_maine\\_early\\_literacy\\_calendar](http://raisingreaders.org/about_us/2010_maine_early_literacy_calendar))

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## QI Survey Winners

The annual Quality Improvement survey provides information that helps us maintain and improve the program. Our thanks to all who took time to complete a survey. Congratulations to the winners of the Borders gift cards.

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### Did You Know?

At 6-12 months of age, the infant actively plays with sounds, often babbling continuously...infants everywhere make all the sounds in the human lexicon. However, by the end of this phase, they only produce sounds of the language to which they are exposed. (Raikes & Edwards, 2009)

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