

April 2012 6 months

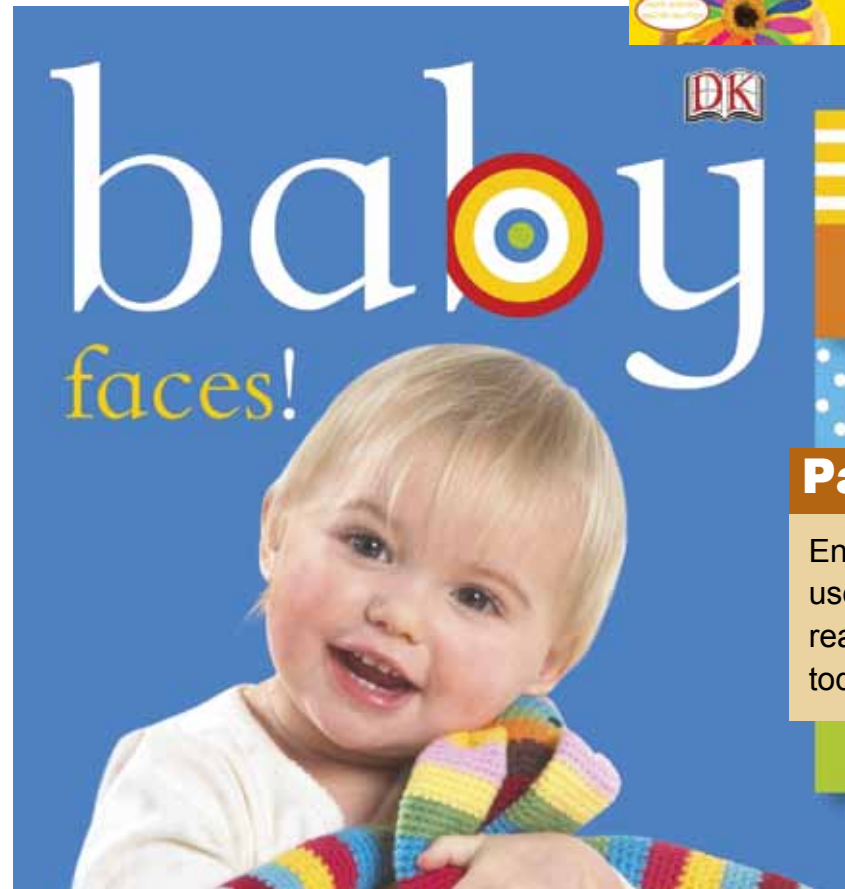
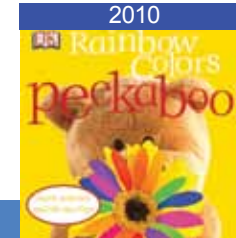
Oral Language/Expression

Infants begin to learn about human emotion through language. Voice, tone, and facial expressions all convey whether their parents, siblings, teachers, or peers are happy, sad, silly, sleepy, surprised, grumpy, elated, frustrated, etc. It is so important to attach words to feeling for infants, long before they can speak for themselves. Books like *Baby Faces!* and *All About Me!* provide the perfect opportunity for expression of emotion. It's fun to read these books when a baby is in a high chair or in a supported sitting position because then you can be face-to-face when reading. The baby will have as much fun watching you as s/he will listening to the book! This is a great way to make a book "come alive" for a very young child.

Other books to share with this age group

All About Me! DK Publishing (2011 book)
Bathtime (Touch and Feel) by Dawn Sirett
Baby Giggles (Beautiful Babies) by Rachael Hale
Mrs. Mustard's Baby Faces by Jane Wattenberg

Past 6-month Raising Readers books



Parent Tip

Encourage parents to use expression when reading to infants and toddlers—it matters.

RAISING READERS THROUGH THE YEAR



Sunday Monday Tuesday Wednesday Thursday Friday Saturday

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National Poetry Month

8 9 10 11 12 Drop Everything and Read Day 13 14

April 8 -14: National Library Week

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Adults must expose children to the many uses of language and support their attempts to use language for purposes such as social interaction, giving and gaining information, sharing humor, and expressing emotion.

—Pierce & Profio, 2006