

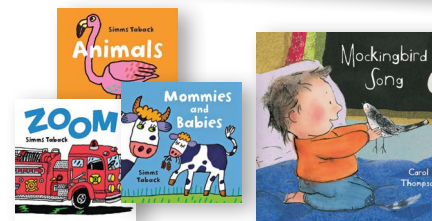
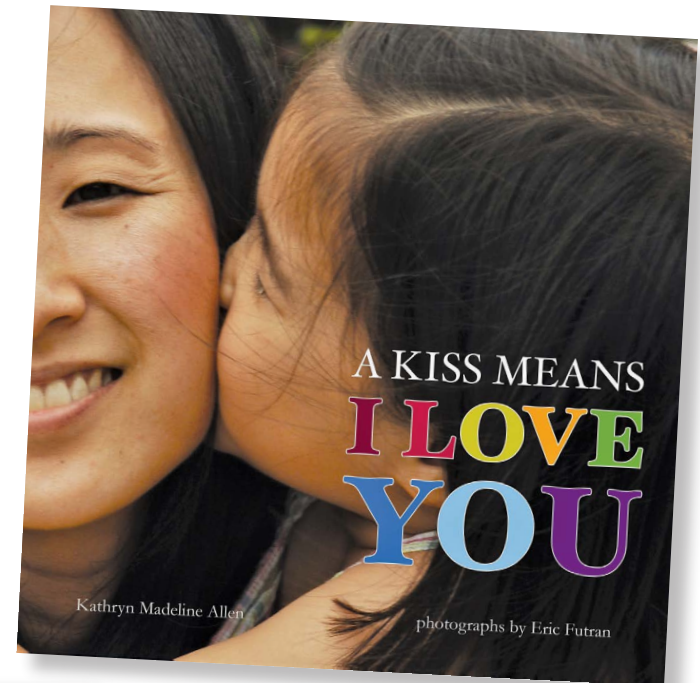
Creating a Love of Literacy

One of the best things we can do to ensure our children's later success is to help them fall in love with literacy.

As parents, we want our children to believe that they are smart and good at what they do. Helping your child connect to text and interact with it, can contribute to your little literacy learner's view of him or herself as a skillful and literate person. There are so many wonderful ways to promote that. Here are a few:

- **Make shared reading time** together enjoyable. Do read aloud in a quiet, comfortable place where you can focus on each other and the text.
 - **When you read** doesn't matter... bedtime doesn't work for everyone. Try bath time, audio books in the car, or reading outside under a shady tree after a picnic.
 - **Some children like reading** things other than books. Try magazines for children such as *Zootles* or *Wild*
- **Shoot for 20 minutes** of read aloud a day...and it doesn't have to be 20 minutes in a row. It can be book time, writing a letter to a cousin that lives far away, reading the signs on stores on the way to the library, even reading the labels on the products in the grocery store!

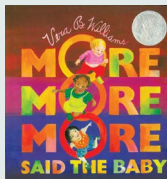
Animal Baby, information online, poems, the Sunday comics, children's games, or emails.



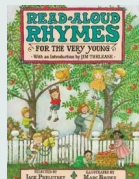
Raising Readers' newborn selections for 2014

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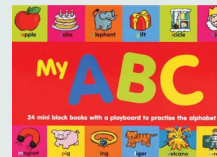
Your child might also enjoy...



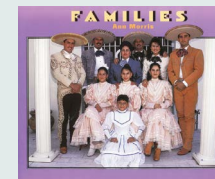
More More More, Said the Baby
by Vera B. Williams



Read Aloud Rhymes for the Very Young
by Jack Prelutsky and Marc Brown



My ABC mini board book set
by Ruth Hooper



Families
by Ann Morris