Recent research has shown there are six early literacy skills that children must master in order to learn to read. Reading early and often to babies helps develop these skills and fosters the love of learning. Parents and caregivers can help their babies learn important skills now, so they will become good readers later.

**Print Motivation**
Babies enjoy holding and playing with books. Always have books around for baby to explore.

**Vocabulary**
Read together every day! Speak in the language that is most comfortable for you.

**Phonological Awareness**
Sing songs and recite nursery rhymes to help your baby hear the smaller sounds in words.

**Letter Knowledge**
Enjoy reading alphabet books with your baby!

**Print Awareness**
Make book sharing time a special time of bonding between you and your baby. Read favorite books again and again!

**Narrative Skills**
Talk to your baby about what you are doing. Notice what your baby looks at, and then talk about it!

**Every Child learns to read!**
Mother Goose


Baby's World


*Bornstein, Ruth. *Little Gorilla*. Clarion, 1976. Everyone in the forest loves Little Gorilla, even after he grows big. (also available in Spanish)*

*Hallensleben. *Chronic, 2003. Snuggly animal parents and their offspring show their love through lots of hugs and kisses.*

Baby's Busy World

*Ekwall, David. *The Big Book of Beautiful Babies*. Dutton, 2001. Expressive black and white photos of babies plus a mirror page so babies can see themselves! Also: *JPS ELLW.*


*Ozemby, Helen. *All Fall Down; Clap Hands; Say Goodnight*. Aladdin, 1987. Rhyming texts and action-filled drawings show babies playing together in day care. (also available in Spanish)


Baby’s Bedtime

*Bang, Molly. *Ten, Nine, Eight*. Greenwillow, 1983. A father counts down from ten toes to one sleepy daughter ready for bed. (also available in Spanish)


*Children's Books: A Delectable Collection of Pictures, Poems and Lullabies for the Very Young*. Little, Brown, 1996. The title says it all. Also available as two board books taken from the larger collection.
