

Milestones of Early Literacy



Motor Development

6-12 months:



holds head steady; grasps books; puts books in mouth

12-24 months:

holds and walks with book; turns board book pages

2-3 years:

starts to scribble; learns to turn paper pages

3-4 years:

turns one page at a time; sits still for longer stories

4-5 years:

starts to copy letters and numbers;
sits still for even longer stories

Communication & Cognition

6-12 months:



likes and wants to hear familiar voices;
responds to own name

12-24 months:

says single words; points at pictures;
turns books right-side up

2-3 years:

names familiar objects;
likes the same book again and again

3-4 years:

moves toward letter recognition;
begins to detect rhyme

4-5 years:

listens longer; make rhymes;
recognizes number and letters



What can parents do?

- Talk back and forth with your child; make eye contact
- Let your child help turn the pages
- Use books in your family routine: naptime, playtime, bedtime
- Point out letters and numbers
- Let your child see you read
- Ask your child questions about what you are reading
- As you read, talk about the pictures
- Together, make up stories about the pictures

Do you have questions about your child's development?



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