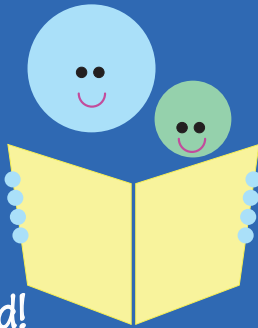


The Little Bookshelf



Please read to your child!

Fact Sheet #1 for baby's 1st month

Congratulations! Having a new baby is an exciting and special event in your life. As a parent you are your baby's first and most important teacher. You can help your baby grow, develop and get ready for reading. Use these tips to read daily with your child. It will help your child learn and develop a trusting relationship with you.

During the 1st month of your baby's life:

- Start reading now. It's never too early to read to your baby.
- Read to your baby every day for just a few minutes.
- Choose a quiet place to snuggle up and read to your baby.
- Choose a short book that can be read in 2-3 minutes.
- Choose a simple picture book like the one provided by the Little Bookshelf program. It should have simple images with high-contrast colors.
- Talk about the pictures in the book. Let your baby learn to recognize your voice.
- Point to and name objects and pictures in the book.
- Calm your baby with nursery rhymes and songs.



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