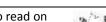
Developmental Milestones of Early Literacy

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	Motor	COGNITIVE	WHAT PARENTS CAN DO
		6 - 12 Months	
	 Reaches for book Puts book in mouth Sits in lap, head steady Turns pages with help Speaks first words (10 – 14 mos.) 	 Looks at pictures Prefers pictures of faces Recognizes familiar objects Vocalizes, pats pictures 	 Hold child comfortably Follow baby's cues for "more" or "stop" Point and name pictures Sing and talk to your baby
12 - 18 Months			
	 Sits without support May carry book Holds book with help Begins to turn board pages Enjoys Peek-a-Boo and Pat-a-Cake Average 20-100 words by 18 mos. 	 Points at pictures with one finger Makes same sound to label particular picture Points when asked "where's?" Turns book right side up Gives book to adult to read 	 Make time to enjoy reading every day Respond to child's prompting to read Let the child control the book Be comfortable with toddler's short attention span Ask "where's the?" and let child point
		18 - 24 Months	
	 Turns board book pages easily, one at a time Carries book around the house May use book as transitional object (e.g. at bedtime) Average 300 spoken words by 24 mos. 	 Names familiar pictures Fills in words in familiar stories "Reads" to stuffed animals, dolls, or self Recites parts of familiar stories Attention span highly variable 	 Relate books to child's experiences Use books in routines, bedtimes Ask "what is that?" and give child time to answer Pause and let child complete the sentence Visit the library for books to borrow
	24 - 36 Months		
	 Learns to handle paper pages Searches in books for favorite pictures Average 900 spoken words by 36 mos. Speaks in sentences 	 Recites whole phrases, sometimes whole stories Has a sense of story sequence Coordinates text with picture Protests when adult gets a word wrong in a familiar story 	 Be willing to read the same story over and over Enjoy snuggling and reading daily. Talk about the books. Ask "why","how" and "what do you think" questions. Give child time to answer Provide crayons and paper
	3 - 5 Years		
	 Competent book handling Turns paper pages one at a time Average 2500 spoken words by 5 years Attempts to read and write Begins to write letters and then own name 	 Listens to longer stories Can retell familiar story Understands what text is Moves finger along text Recognizes some letters Participates in rhyming games 	 Ask "what's happening?" Encourage writing and drawing Let child tell the story Continue to re-read favorite stories Play with words: rhymes, riddles, jokes





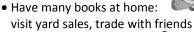
- Begins to read on own
- By age 7 most read independently
- Writes own sentences and stories



• Understands that print goes from left to right and top to bottom

7 Years

- Recognizes letter and sound matches
- Can use phonological skills to sound out and decipher words
- Learns basic spelling and punctuation
- Continue to read aloud even after your child can read alone



Let children see adults reading





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