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# Months

**Make reading a part of every day.**

**Babies find out about their world and language.** Point out and name animals, household objects, people, colors and shapes in books.

**Relax and have fun with your baby!**

**Babies love rhymes and songs.** Sing and listen to music whenever you can.

**Read often, for short time periods.**

**Babies can sit and hold books.** Some babies may even begin turning pages.

**Babies are learning that speech includes "taking turns."** When you read and talk to your baby, pause as though you're having a conversation.

**Choose books with few words on each page** and books with bold, clear pictures.

**Babies like to see pictures**

- of animals
- of faces
- of familiar objects

**Babies like to hear**

- simple stories
- repeating words
- rhyming
- goodnight stories



**Read for Life** is a family-based literacy program in Tulare County that encourages parents to provide the foundation for reading beginning at birth.

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**Visit your local library** and local bookstore as often as possible. Check out story hour!

**Some good books for a nine-month old:**

*Me Baby, You Baby*  
by Ashley Wolff

*Old McDonald*  
by Rosemary Wells

*Baby Dance*  
by Ann Taylor

*Whose Mouse Are You?*  
by Robert Kraus

*Goodnight Moon*  
by Margaret Wise Brown

*A Hat for Minerva Louise*  
by Janet Morgan Stoeke

*Have You Seen My Duckling?*  
by Nancy Tafuri

*Jamberry*  
by Bruce Degen

*A Good Day*  
By Kevin Henkes

*Hush Little Baby*  
by Aliko

*Bear Snores On*  
by Karma Wilson

*Color Zoo*  
by Lois Ehlert

