



FOR PROFESSIONALS

Professional Literacy Resources

Pediatric programs play a key role in promoting early literacy and early learning parents and children.

Find information about the benefits of promoting early literacy and early learning for children and what you can do about it in the **Books Build Connections Toolkit**. The toolkit has publications with information and tips for pediatric professionals and families. Encourage families to talk, read, and sing with their children!

Toolkit items are available to print, download, or share via social media.

FOR FAMILIES



Helping Your Child Learn to Read

Here are some tips for helping children learn to read. The most important things to remember are to be patient, to have fun, to praise early and often, and not to push them.

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Sharing Books With Your Baby Up to Age 11 Months

What's the best way to share books with your baby up to age 11 months? Here are some tips that cover 4 stages in your baby's life: birth to 3 months, 4 to 5 months, 6 to 8 months, and 9 to 11 months.

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Sharing Books With Your 1-Year-Old

What's the best way to share books with your 1-year-old? Here are some tips that cover 3 stages in your baby's life: 12 to 14 months, 15 to 17 months, and 18 to 24 months.

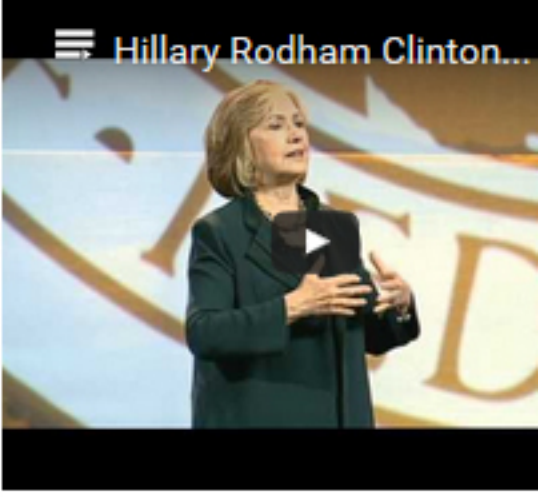
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Sharing Books With Your 2-Year-Old

What's the best way to share books with your 2-year-old? Here are some tips that cover 2 stages in your child's life: 24 to 29 months and 30 to 35 months.

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Hillary Rodham Clinton Unveils Literacy Toolkit At American Academy Of Pediatrics Conference

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Promoting Early Literacy And Learning In Pediatric Practices And The Community

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WHAT EVERY PEDIATRIC PROFESSIONAL CAN DO

1. Familiarize yourself with the evidence.
2. Implement a literacy promotion program, such as Reach Out and Read, in your practice.
3. Encourage parents to read, talk, sing, and play with their young children, starting at birth.
4. Promote the 5 Rs of early education with young families.
5. Welcome children with a book in your hand.
6. Encourage parents to find high-quality early education opportunities for their preschoolers.
7. Read with the children in your life. Read because you love reading, as children, and want to share this joy with them.
8. Encourage parents of kindergarten and elementary school-age children to go to the Reading Rockets website for others for ideas about how to support early readers.
9. Encourage parents and other caregivers to visit their local library with their children to borrow books and for story time.
10. Provide culturally and age appropriate books and magazines in your waiting room.

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