

Reading and Storytelling

Activity: Read to your baby. Read anything, the sound of your voice will stimulate the baby’s brain. Research states that for a child to be ready for kindergarten, they need to be read to for 2000 hours.

Try and memorize a certain story. Tell the story to the baby while holding and facing the child. Change facial expressions and voice tones during the story to hold your child’s attention. Watch the child’s facial expressions change with yours. Schedule some time every day to read to your child. Let your baby handle the books and talk to him or her about what he or she is doing.

What your baby is doing: While reading, your voice will become more recognizable to the baby and will help develop a bond between the two of you. Your baby is learning to communicate by listening to the repetition of sounds and words. Your baby is also developing intellectually through memory, curiosity and imagination.

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Date	Description of Activity	Amount of Time	Value or per Hour Rate	Your Relationship to Child

Participant Name (Please Print) Signature Date

Staff Name (Please Print) Signature Date