

Matching Reading Strategies To Developmental Age

Infant (0 to 23 mos) Toddler (24 mos to 3 yrs 6 mos) Preschool (3 yrs 7 mos to 5 yrs)

- Hold child while you read.
- Books with simple, clear pictures or photographs.
- Books with common experiences, such as personal care routines, example; sleeping, diapering, family relationships.
- Bring books over or close to child or children.
- Discuss pictures in a book and allow time for the child to point to the pictures.
- Discuss pictures in a book and allow time for the child to say words.
- Let child select books.
- Let child pretend to read
- Be interactive and talk about what is happening in the book.
- Read it again and again.
- Show parts of the book.
- Show how to read words on a page.
- Ask open ended questions
- Allow children to move around during story.
- Encourage children to sit and listen.
- Use books on tapes or videos.
- Provide cloth books
- Provide smaller hard cover books
- Provide books that make sounds.