



Babies
need
Books

Why are so many adults reading to babies?

1 Time together: A daily reading ritual gives busy families time together, time to look forward to. And for babies it is a time to be cuddled and to feel secure.

2 Reading as pleasure: Reading books to the youngest children reinforces from the beginning that reading is a pleasurable activity. Reading to babies links reading to pleasure for a lifetime.

3 Attention: Reading aloud to babies increases their span for looking and listening. It gives babies a learning advantage.

4 Opening up to a wider world:

Books are a gateway to new experiences.

5 Shapes of letters and words:

Babies see letters and words as familiar and “friendly”.

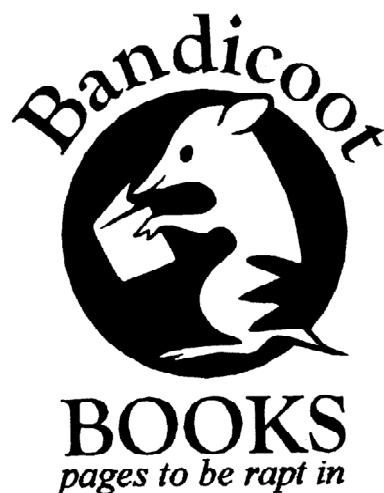
6 Language exposure: Through books babies increase their exposure to the sounds of words.

7 Print linked to meaning:

Through reading aloud babies come to connect print with meaning.

Suggested reading for babies:

- *Tiger Tale* by Marion & Steve Isham
- *Joey the Roo* by Marion & Steve Isham
- Nursery Rhymes
- Collected poetry for children
- Traditional folk tales, including:
 - Three Little Pigs
 - Three Bears
 - Three Billy Goats Gruff
 - The Gingerbread Man
- Wordless books
- Alphabet books
- Counting Books



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