

The *Who What When Where* and *Why* of Reading Aloud to Your Baby

Who:

Mom, dad, grandma, grandpa, siblings, cousins—you name it! Everyone that reads to your baby will have their own style and will add to your baby's experience.

What:

There are lots of wonderful books to read to young children (see list below for some suggestions). Make sure they are appropriate for your baby's age, interesting, and enjoyable.

When:

Every day, especially when your baby is well fed and in a calm mood.

Where:

Indoors, outdoors (especially in the summertime), or in any cozy spot. Make sure your baby can hear and see both you and the pages.

Why:

Reading helps your baby to be able to recognize letters and their sounds, it grows their vocabulary, and teaches them new ideas. Reading is also a fun bonding activity for you and your baby to do together.

Suggestions for infant board books

Goodnight Moon by Margaret Wise Brown

My First Words Board Books by Dorling Kindersley

Baby Faces by Margaret Miller

Baby Animal Kisses by B. Saltzberg

Blue Hat Green Hat by Sandra Boynton

Mr. Brown Can Moo! Can You? Dr. Seuss's Book of Wonderful Noises by Dr. Seuss

Peek-a-Who by N. Laden

Tomie's Little Mother Goose by T. Depaola

The Very Busy Spider by Eric Carle

Where is Baby's Belly Button by Karen Katz