



## Did You Know?

Children's brains grow fastest during their first five years. It's a great time to expose your child to singing, talking and reading!



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# OH baby! Get Ready to Read Checklist

- ✓ Read with your child every day, even if only for a few minutes.
- ✓ Encourage him to bring you his favorite books to read together.
- ✓ Point to pictures and name them out loud. Encourage your child to point to pictures while you read.
- ✓ Talk with your child throughout the day about what you're doing and things that are happening.
- ✓ Be patient when she wants to read the same book over and over again.
- ✓ Encourage him to play with books — pick them up, flip them from front to back, and turn the pages.
- ✓ Listen when she pretends to read a book — holds the book, goes from page to page, says words, even though they're not the words on the page.
- ✓ Give him paper and crayons so he can scribble, make pictures, and pretend to write.