

# Reading to Your Toddler

Reading to your toddler helps them learn new words, builds their imagination and develop listening, math and reading skills.

Try:

- ✓ reading to your child each day, from birth on
- ✓ making reading a part of your bedtime routine
- ✓ letting your child turn the pages, if they can
- ✓ keeping a book in your bag to pull out on the bus or in the grocery store line
- ✓ visiting the library together for story time and to pick out books to bring home
- ✓ leaving board books around for them to flip through
- ✓ re-reading favourite books often



### BRAIN BUILDER

- Run your finger along the words as you read them.
- Choose books with rhymes and repetition.
- Use different voices for characters.
- Point to the objects in picture books and name them, or ask your toddler to name them. For animals, ask what sound they make.
- Talk about how the things in the book connect to your child's world. If there's a dog in the story, for example, talk about a neighbour's pet.



### DID YOU KNOW?

You don't need to read every word. If your child has a favourite page or a favourite picture, let them linger on it or even turn directly there.

