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O	Listen to music with your child.	Create a special place to keep books for your child.	Play Peek-a-Boo with your child.	Make funny sounds while looking at your child.	Read a book and point out the pictures.	Recite a nursery rhyme to your child.	Listen to music while gently rocking your child.
O	Use different types of voices while reading to your child.	Make a happy face, a sad face, and a mad face with your child.	Sing or talk to your child while you are feeding him or her.	Let your child point out pictures in a book while you identify them.	Read a book with different textures for your child to touch.	Give your child a long, gentle hug.	Read anything to your child while he or she snuggles with a favorite toy.
K	Look your child in the eyes while you smile and talk.	Let your child hold a board book and turn the pages.	Visit the library and read a library book together.	Sing a song to your child. You can make up words.	Do a finger play with your child.	Read a story at bedtime.	Read the same book over again, this time adding actions.

Do these activities with your child when he or she is 18 months old or younger to help your child develop reading skills.

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