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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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