

Tips, Tricks, and Did You Knows?

-Getting Ready to Read: Letter Knowledge is knowing that letters are different from each other and have different names and sounds. Researchers find that this skill helps children to understand that words are made up of smaller parts and to know the names of those parts.

-Reading Activity for Baby: Draw shapes in bright colors or cut out shapes from brightly colored foam. Show your baby the shapes and say their names. When you play with a ball say, "The ball is round."

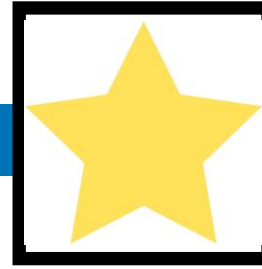
-Toddler Reading Activity: Play letter matching games. For younger children use only a few letters. As your child learns more letters, you can make the game more difficult by adding upper and lowercase letters or letters with different fonts.

-Tip: Children love to have their backs rubbed. They also learn by using multiple senses. Try making a shape or letter on your child's back and having him guess what it is. Don't forget to add in some tickles just for fun!

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