Everyday Activities to Share with Your Toddler (Ages 2-3)

Start now! It’s fun and it’s easy!

★ Read together everyday and let your toddler hold the book and turn pages
★ Read favorite books over and over
★ Tell a favorite story using a puppet
★ Talk about the book as you read
★ Go the the library for books and Storytime
★ Take a walk, talking about what you see and reading signs as you go
★ Keep paper, crayons, and markers available
★ Act out “Five Little Monkeys Jumping on the Bed” or other rhymes
★ Encourage your child to “read” or tell a story to his or her teddy bear
★ Tell real life stories from when you were little
★ Encourage your toddler to talk about what he or she is doing
★ Put labels on objects around the house...chair, bed, etc.
★ Recite nursery rhymes together at nap time or while driving
★ Get ABC magnets or ABC books and find the letters of the toddler’s name
★ Set up a shelf or bin of books

Brain Power

Beginning at birth and during your child’s early years, crucial connections are formed and strengthened in the brain through repeated playful, loving and stimulating experiences. Each time you read a book, tickle a belly, sing a song, or play peek-a-boo, connections are made between brain cells. Repetition makes the connections stronger, so sing that song again!
Good books for your toddler may have:

- A simple, predictable plot
- Rhymes, songs, and poetry
- Sounds and noises as part of the story
- Appealing illustrations
- Subjects from your toddler’s real world
- Words and phrases that repeat
- Flaps and simple pop-ups

Check out these and many more at your library!

**Big Fat Hen** by Keith Bake
**Ten, Nine, Eight** by Molly Bang
**Dear Zoo** (available in pop-up and lift-a-flap editions, too) by Rod Campbell
**Five Little Monkeys Jumping On the Bed** by Eileen Christelow
**Freight Train** by Donald Crews
**Get Out of My Bath!** by Britta Teckentrup

Libros en Español para bebé:
**How are You?/¿Cómo estás?** por Angela Dominguez
**La oruga muy hambrienta/The Very Hungry Caterpillar** por Eric Carle
**What Do I Feel/?Qué siento?** por Annie Kubler
**Pete el gato: I love my white shoes** por Eric Litman
**Tortillas and Lullabies/Tortillas y Cancioncitas** por Lynn Reiser

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