





Early Literacy Behaviors	Under approximately 15 months	Approximately Between 15 and 48 months	After Approximately 48 Months
<p>Looking and Recognizing</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Quieting and paying attention while you read - Beginning to look at pictures 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Looking at pictures - Pointing to pictures - Laughing with glee at favorite part of story or favorite picture - Anticipating favorite pictures or spoken words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Recognizing and naming the alphabet
<p>Book Handling</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reaching for book (early on this may include mouthing or chewing book) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - “Helping” turn pages - Positioning the book the “right way” - Turning book to front to ask you to read it again 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Independently turns pages
<p>Picture and Story Comprehension</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Pointing to objects seen in book - Looking for or pointing to pictures in book after hearing or seeing something similar 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Requesting specific book - Imitating an action seen in a book - Talking about events in a story or book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Realizing that text conveys a meaning
<p>Story Reading</p> <p>Bah, bah</p> 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Babbling in imitation of reading 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Using real words to “tell” story from book - Tracking the words in the book while you read it aloud - “Pretend” reading while holding book and turning pages 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Developing sound manipulation skills <ul style="list-style-type: none"> * Initial and final sounds * Initial letter names/sounds - Applying phonics - Reading and spelling words - Reading sentences