

A Birth to Three Reading Initiative

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big results!



Areas of Focus

Frequently use more positive than negative words and comments

Think about the balance of positive to negative words and comments on a daily basis to reinforce and promote self-confidence.

What you say and how often you say it matters

To enrich vocabulary and language, use full sentences, descriptions and questions when talking. Encourage attention to an infant and toddler's personal world as well as the world around them.

Face to face conversations cannot be replaced

Incorporate listening and speaking directly to infants and toddlers. Include talking in your native language and limit the role of technology as a replacement for face-to-face conversations.

Talking, singing, reading, writing and playing develops language

Be creative when deciding ways to interact.

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