



# READING

## with Your 9 Month Old Baby

At Kids First our mission is to provide children with the best medical care in a family-centered environment and to partner with parents to raise healthy children both physically and emotionally. We strive to continually improve our practice through new programs and initiatives that will benefit children and families long after their visit to our office is complete. That's why we are proud to present One Book at a Time, providing young children with an age-appropriate book at each well visit. Our initiative partners with the national Reach Out and Read program, an evidence-based nonprofit organization that promotes early literacy and school readiness in pediatric exam rooms nationwide.

In addition to providing books to patients, ages 6 months to 5 years, we address age appropriate milestones related to reading and literacy and suggest highly recommended books at each stage of development. Our goal is to enhance our relationship with your child and to promote literacy skills at home.

At Kids First we value our role as your partner and resource for raising healthy children. It is our hope that as positive role models to your children, we will be able to reinforce the importance of books and reading in their everyday lives. We hope that our excitement over books is contagious and spills into your conversations and interactions with your children. Through this program, we have made it our mission to foster relationships, encourage development and create smiles One Book at a Time.

### HOW TO IMPACT LITERACY AT THIS AGE:

- Hold your child comfortably
- Follow your baby's cues for "more" and "stop"
- Point and name pictures
- Sing and talk to your baby

### MOTOR SKILLS TO EXPECT AT 9 MONTHS:

- Reaching for the book
- Putting books in the mouth
- Sitting in a lap with head steady
- Turning pages with adult help

### COGNITIVE SKILLS TO EXPECT AT THIS AGE:

- Looking at pictures
- Vocalizing and patting pictures
- Preferring pictures of faces

### Suggested books for further reading:

*All of Baby Nose to Toes* by Victoria Adler  
*Clap Hands* by Helen Oxenbury  
*Jamberry* by Bruce Degen  
*Moo Baa La La La* by Sandra Boynton  
*Brown Bear, Brown Bear, What Do You See?* by Bill Martin Jr.  
*I Could Eat You Up!* by Jo Harper  
*Peekaboo Bedtime* by Rachel Isadora  
*Who Loves The Little Lamb* by Lezlie Evans



The American Academy of Pediatrics (AAP) and the National Association of Pediatric Nurse Practitioners (NAPNAP) have officially endorsed the Reach Out and Read model of early literacy promotion. For more information, go to [www.reachoutandread.org](http://www.reachoutandread.org)

