



# Early Reading Milestones

Every child will develop his or her language and later reading skills in a unique way, and will achieve certain reading milestones at different points. There is, however, a general progression that many children follow....



## Infancy Birth - 1

Imitates spoken sounds & responds with sounds

Reaches for pages, turns them, touches them

Responds to stories and looks at pictures

Play games such as "peek-a-boo"

Identifies known books and requests them

Turns pages of a book in correct order

Points to objects and pictures corresponding to words

Pretends to read

Listens to stories and talks about characters

Scribbles on paper as drawing or writing

## Toddler Ages 1-3

Listens to and talks about more complex books

Chooses and looks through books independently

Recites/sings the alphabet and plays rhyming games

Makes symbols that look like writing

Recognizes signs and logos as whole words

Identifies some letters and letter sounds

## Preschool Ages 3-4

Recognizes and writes letters of the alphabet

Identifies and comes up with rhymes

Identifies the first sound of a word

Begin matching spoken words to written ones

Retells simple stories

Identifies more words by sight and sounds out words

## Kindergarten Ages 5-6