

Developmental Milestones of Reading

Age	Physical Skills	Thinking and Social Skills	Interaction with Parents
6-12 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • reaches for books • mouths books • sits with support • holds head up 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • looks at pictures • pats pictures • prefers photographs of faces 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parents hold the child • parents follow the baby's cues for "more" and "stop"
12-18 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holds a book with help • turns several pages at a time • sits with no support • carries a book 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • no longer mouths • books right away points at pictures with one finger • may name specific pictures with specific sounds/words 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • child gets upset if parent won't give up control of book • child may choose a book to read • child may refuse to listen if parent insists
18-36 months	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • turns thick pages, one at a time • carries books around the house 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • names familiar pictures • short attention span • asks for the same story to be read again and again • Plays at reading: "reads" books to dolls 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parent asks, "What's happening?" • parent confirms the child's answers and elaborates on them • parent shows pleasure when child names a picture or reads a familiar word
3 years and older	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • holds a book without help • turns pages of normal thickness, one at a time 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • names simple actions • retells familiar stories • plays at reading: moves his finger from left to right, top to bottom • plays at writing his name – scribbling 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • parent asks, "What's happening?" • parent confirms the child's answers and elaborates on them • parent shows pleasure when child names a picture or reads a familiar word

Reference: Internet - www.cps.ca/english/statements/PP/pp02-01.htm. "CPS position statement: Psychosocial Paediatrics: Promoting literacy in the physician's office."