

Rubber Ducky Readers

Why should babies & toddlers participate in Summer Reading?

Reading readiness begins at birth! Reading, talking, singing, writing, and playing with your child is important to their development.

Studies have shown that children who have an environment rich in words, songs, and healthy play enter school ready to learn.

How does it work?

Share the activities on the back often with your child during June and July. Mark a duck each time you do that activity. Bring this sheet back to the library to receive a rubber duck and a board book!



June 15 - July 31

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Please write child's name here:

read

Reading helps little ones learn new words and learn how language works. They won't always be still and actively listen while being read to, and that's okay! They still hear the words and eventually they begin to understand that those squiggles on the page have meaning.

talk

Babies do listen and learn from the language around them and at some point, will begin to repeat it! Conversing with a baby early on may feel silly, but encouraging them to talk, especially by asking questions, will make it easier to learn to read when they're older.

Exposure to a rich vocabulary gives children an advantage when they begin preschool or kindergarten, making it easier for them to learn and understand even more words.

sing

Songs slow down language and help children hear the smaller sounds that make up words.

write

Fingerplays, sign language, and even gripping toys develop muscles that will be used for fine motor skills needed to write.

play

Playing is how children learn best. These opportunities to explore allow children to learn by "doing."



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