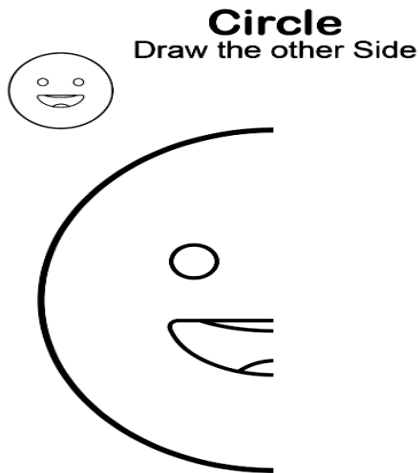


The more you talk and read to your child, the larger their vocabulary becomes. Children with a large vocabulary are more likely to be good readers.

What can you do?

- Talk, talk, talk with your young child, right from birth.
- Don't be afraid to use unfamiliar words, but don't forget to explain what they mean.
- Make sure that you encourage your child to talk, and remember to listen.
- When your child makes a mistake, gently correct him with the appropriate words. For example, if he says "I goed to the park," say, "You went to the park. What did you do at the park?"
- Choose books with unusual words because children hear three times more "rare" words in books than they will hear in conversation.



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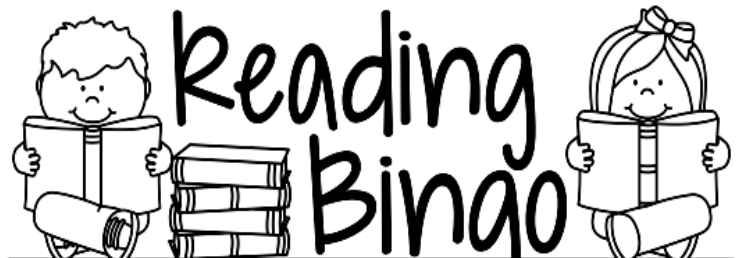
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read by the window	read for 20 minutes	read on Friday	read your friend's favorite book	read while eating a snack
read a book about animals	read outside	free	read a fairy tale	read in your pajamas
read for 30 minutes	read a nonfiction book	read to a stuffed animal	read in the grass	read with a flashlight
read to a family member	read a silly book	read under a table	read for 20 minutes	read out loud

Reading Guide



Summer Babies

*Author: Kathryn O. Galbraith; Illustrator: Adela Pons
Peachtree Publishers*



T **Tune In:** as a “knowledgeable guide” or “interested follower.”

Engage in playful and loving interactions; get on the child’s level; establish eye contact; connect through touch, hugging, and cuddling; maintain a loving, joyful, engaging, and playful facial expression. Reread several times during the month.

I **Introduce the Book:** purpose for reading.

Introduce the story by pointing to the cover and saying, “*The name of our book is Summer Babies. I wonder what babies are doing in the park, now that it is summer? Let’s read and find out.*”

P **Promote Language:** ways to build vocabulary.

Push in vocabulary by **Pointing** to pictures (**P**), **Acting** out the word (**A**), or **Telling** (**T**) what the word means. Repeat each time the word occurs in the story. Talk about how the characters think or feel.

This book is full of action words which you can act out (**A**) with your baby.

Flutter: move your baby’s arms up and down fast

Zoom: move your baby through the air quickly

Swing: move your baby back and forth

Scurry: pick your baby up and pretend to walk quickly

Clap: clap your baby’s hands together

S **Summarize:** retell the events of the story.

“*We just read about different things babies see and do in the summer. Let’s look back at some of those things.*” Go back through the book with your baby and talk about what is happening in the pictures; point and name the different things in the pictures.

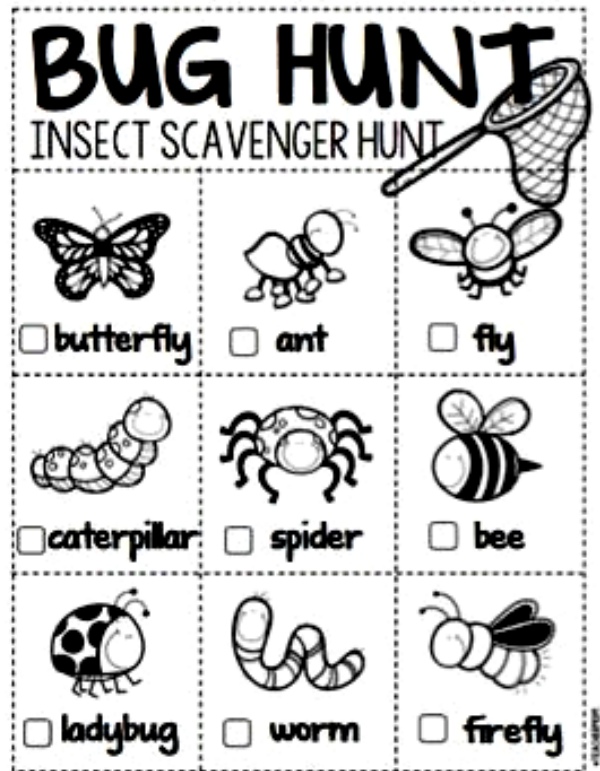
On the next page, there are some additional activities which you can do with your child.

Things to Do

Summer Babies

Enjoy these fun, summer-time activities with your baby.

1. Visit a butterfly garden OR start one!
<https://nababutterfly.com/start-butterfly-garden/>
2. Watch bumblebees buzzing in and out of your yard finding pollen and nectar.
3. Eat watermelon slices, popsicles, or ice cream outside.
4. Go on a bug hunt. Look for ants, bumblebees, butterflies, ladybugs, and spiders.
5. Blow bubbles! Use different size wands for added fun.
6. Make a garden sensory bin. Fill a pot or bucket with potting soil (or dried black beans). Bury small rocks and pebbles, faux flowers, etc. for your baby to find with their hands, smaller containers, and/or gardening tools.



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Read Right

From the Start

Read with your child every day.

Family Fun beyond the books!



Ferst has given our parents tips & tricks on how to read with their child, including fun, interactive activities both will love. Here at Ferst we advocate strongly for families to read together, but we also recognize the need for families to spend quality time together outside the books.

Whether it is staying at home during a public health crisis or passing time in the summer, we have got some exciting, family-friendly activities that go beyond reading with your child.

FREE Activity Ideas:

- Gather all pillows and blankets to build a fort
- Play a classic game of hide-and-seek
- Make puppets from paper bags
- Act out your children's favorite books
- Have a backyard picnic
- Create/write your own story

Let's embrace a child's limitless imagination and join in on the fun! Along with Ferst's books, we hope these activities will bring families together again.

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