





INFANTS:

Reading a book to your infant is a great chance to cuddle and bond, relax and sit comfortably with your baby on your lap. Point out pictures on the page and name what you are pointing to. You don't have to read every word! Sharing a book is an experience that helps your baby's brain to make important connections, laying the foundation for learning to read. Just because your baby is not talking, doesn't mean he/she isn't learning!

TODDLERS:

Have lots of fun with the book. The red balloon appears 4 times in the book, have your toddler point to the red balloon when he/she sees it. Draw attention to the other pictures and point to them describing what you are pointing to and what is happening, "look at the quiet old lady, what is she doing?" Point to the words as you read them. This helps your toddler learn what words are and where the words you are saying "come from."

PRESCHOOLERS:

Goodnight Moon will likely be a favorite bedtime story by now! Continue pointing to the words as you read. Ask your preschooler to read to you and have him/her turn the pages as they tell the story. Preschoolers like to recite parts of a familiar story, especially if words rhyme. These are important pre-reading experiences. Don't forget to keep asking questions about the book, even if it is an old favorite. Your lap is still the best place for your preschooler to be and the reading you are sharing is helping your child to become a reader!

