Consider Books for your Baby which include:

- a story with few words
- board books that are very sturdy or soft books that can be washed
- books that rhyme or are based on songs
- pictures of babies, faces or familiar things
- simple, brightly coloured pictures

Suggested books for babies:

- Good Night Moon by Margaret Wise Brown
- Moo, Baa, La, La by Sandra Boynton
- Pat the Bunny by Dorothy Kenhardt
- Look, Look! By Tana Hoban
- Brown Bear Brown Bear by Eric Carle
- Baby Faces by Margaret Miller
- Hello Baby! By Mem Fox
- Goodnight Gorilla by Peggy Rathmann

Visit your local library to find many more great books for your baby!!
Early Literacy is.....

A set of skills that children develop from birth that will help them learn to read and write.

You are developing your baby’s early literacy skills when you are:

- listening to music
- looking at pictures together
- playing with your baby
- pointing and naming objects
- responding to sounds your baby makes
- saying simple rhymes/fingerplays
- singing songs and chants
- talking about things around you
- turning pages as you read

Early literacy is so much more than just letters and books!

Early Literacy Activities to explore:

- Going for walks and pointing out things you see
- Repeating the sounds your child makes
- Looking through family photo albums and naming the people
- Making funny faces and sounds for your baby
- Playing peek-a-boo
- Singing short songs and nursery rhymes
- Singing or reading to them while they are in the bathtub
- Using instruments and toys to make sounds
- Letting your baby hold and touch board books
- Introducing new words to your baby
- Counting baby’s fingers and toes

What do Early Literacy Activities Promote?

- A love of books and learning!
- Adult/child bonding
- An increased attention span
- An understanding of sounds, letters, words and reading
- Concepts like colours, shapes, numbers, sizes and names of things
- Imagination
- Listening skills
- New words
- Rhyming
- Social interactions
- Thinking skills like problem solving, predicting, and putting things in order

Twinkle Twinkle Little Star

Twinkle twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are
Up above the world so high
Like a diamond in the sky
Twinkle twinkle little star
How I wonder what you are

The Itsy Bitsy Spider

The itsy bitsy spider went up the water spout
Down came the rain and washed the spider out
Out came the sun and dried up all the rain
And the itsy bitsy spider went up the spout again